How I put my daughter to death

Fred West's confession to murder from beyond grave

WILL BENNETT

The soft Herefordshire accent of Frederick West echoed around the silent Winchester Crown Court yesterday, admitting unemotionally, almost casually, to a series of murders.

Throughout the taped interviews West, who hanged himself in prison on New Year's Day. denied his wife Rosemary had been involved in the 10 murders with which she is charged,

"I would like to stress Rose knew nothing at all," he told detectives, as he described how he had strangled their daughter Heather in a rage and dismembered her body with an ice saw. He said he murdered his first wife Rena after getting her drunk in a pub and then strangled her daughter Charmaine as sbe lay sleeping in the back of her mother's car.

According to West, he had affairs with several of the girls and young women whose re-

*I never intended to hurt her. I just wanted to grab her to shake her and say, take that stupid smirk off your face 7

mains were found at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, last year and then strangled them when they threatened to

The prosecution alleges that many of the victims found buried at 25 Cromwell Street were abducted, gagged, stripped and kept alive while they were sexually abused by the Wests in the cellar at the house. Mrs West, 41, denies murdering nine victims found at 25 Cromwell Street, and one discovered at the West's previous home. Her husband who was charged with 12 murders was found dead in his cell at Win-

son Green prison. Birmingham. Mrs West looked at the floor of the dock as the voice of her dead hushand who she alleges carried out the murders alone, dominated the courtroom. She became upset as he described how he killed Heather who vanished aged 16 in 1987.

IN BRIEF

BA chief quits Sir Colin Marshall quit the

hands-on management of Bril-

ish Airways, but is to remain as

part-time chairman. Page 20

Gays lose appeal
The Court of Appeal rejected

an appeal by four gay service-

men and women that their dis-

missal from the forces was

unlawful, but said the gay ban was "ripe for review". Page 4

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host of the 2002 Common-

line day, with sunshine and

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wealth Games.

Today's weather Patchy fog will clear to leave a

The day after he was arrest-ed last year be told police that Heather had wanted to leave home and had threatened to give the drug LSD to the oth-er West children if her parents tried to stop her. He said: "I can just remember lunging for her throat and the next moment she

had gone blue. "I never intended to hurt her I mean I just wanted to grab her to shake her and say: Take that stupid smirk off your face'." West said he dismembered and decapitated her body with an ice saw, put the pieces in a bin and buried her in the garden, after sending Mrs West to spend the night with one of her lovers.

He said: "That is something I bave had to live with for eight years, it's not easy, I'll tell you, because I loved Heather".

West then confessed to a series of killings, preparing a sketch for police showing where they would find the remains of the girls buried at 25 Cromwell Street. He said Lynda Gough was under a bathroom floor and admitted he could not remember the name of another victim cause "there's so many".

"All the girls did exactly the same thing. It was made quite clear that I was married to Rose and I don't want nothing to do with them, nothing serious", he said, alleging that all nf them bad threatened to tell his wife about their affairs.

Describing how be killed his first wife, he said: "I took Rena in the puh and gnt her absolutely paralytic and then took her out to Dymock in the country where I know, and I stran-

gled her and huried her. "I strangled Rena, dug the hale, cut her up and huried her, and then I went hack in the van and I found her car. There was Charmaine in the back of it ... So anyway. I strangled her while she was sleeping. Mr West said he had killed

two of his victims after he picked them up as they were hitch-hiking. He said they took the ini-tiative in having sex with him and had demanded money. He said Mrs West had been a restraining influence during the sex attack on Caroline Owens in 1972 for which they were both fined and had not taken part in

Det Con Darren Law told the court Mr West had often changed his story. The case Boris back with a smile but world fears the worst



Slurred speech: Borls Yeltsin yesterday during a meeting with Viktor Chernomyrdin in hospital

Yeltsin hands over reins of power

MICHAEL SHERIDAN Diplomatic Editor

President Boris Yeltsin has given up authority over the four key ministries in Russia after his second beart attack and Western governments are now anxiously assessing the prospects for

The Russian Prime Minister, 57-year-old Viktor Cher-nomyrdin, said he had assumed control over the four "power ministries" handling defence, security, the interior and foreign affairs. It was the first official admission that Mr Yeltsin, 64, had relinquished some of his presidential powers and confirmed the belief in Western capitals that the Russian leader was dan-

It is understood that Russia's

Foreign Minister. Andrei Kozyrev, confided on Monday to a European opposite number that the President's condition was more serious than bad been admitted. Western governments had also learnt that Mr Yeltsin's closest aides were denied access to him for several days after the beart attack on 26 October, in-

dicating its severity.
Russian television showed a 50-second clip of Mr Yeltsin in hospital yesterday, but although he said he felt "not so bad" he looked weak and slurred his words, perhaps as the result of medication. It was his second beart attack in less than four

dition is not good. It is now as-sumed that Mr Yeltsin will definitely not run for a second term as President pext year, and his illness has brought fresb instability to Russian politics ahead of parliamentary elec-

tions on 17 December. A change in Russia's political leadership would raise a series of dramatic issues for the West on questions ranging from nuclear disarmament to the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. The concern in the West is that the cause of reform, symbolised by the President and cautiously upheld by Mr Chernomyrdin, could now fall victim to ex-

tremist forces in Russia and

gerously ill, despite claims to the months and the prognosis for that the nascent Russian democ-men of bis age, habits and con-racy could be extinguished. Mr Chemomyrdin is seen in

London as the man most like-· ly to continue a programme of reform and a moderate foreign policy. But the Prime Minister, a technocrat, has made little Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, headway in campaigning for the December elections and a conspicuous defeat for him in that poll would diminish his chances in a presidential con-

That could open the field to candidates from the Russian military, from the extreme nationalist right and from the unrepentant remnants of the old Communist Party.

There are already signs that western politicians are seeking to modulate their pronounce-ments on Russia to take cautious account of the possibility that its next government could be dominated by nationalists or former

On Thursday the Foreign said there needed to be closer consideration of the impact of Nato expansion to the east, a proposal virulently opposed in Russia. "We must show understanding for Russian concerns, for instance, for the perception, mistaken though it may be, of exclusion and encirclement," said Mr Rifkind. Extremists in Russia bahitually play on such fears to condemn Mr Yeltsin for

giving in too easily to the West. PM eases burden, page 11

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JASON BENNETTO

An Algerian extremist living in London was named vesterday as one of the key figures behind the three-month terrorist bombing campaign in France.

The man is accused of masterminding some of the attacks while in Britain and is believed to have given orders to a suspected bomber who was arrested in Paris on Thursday. Two French newspapers, Le

Monde and Le Parisien, said vesterday that the man in London. known under the pseudonym of an assault after that. Abou Fares, was a senior member of Algeria's Armed Islamic Group (GIA), which has claimed responsibility for most nf the attacks. Details nf the suswas adjourned until Tuesday. Chitting tapes, page 2 pect have been passed to Scot-

working closely with the French authorities since the outbreak nf the bombings. Since July, seven people have been killed and

around 170 injured. Abou Fares - which means "the father of knights" - is alleged to be partly responsible for an extremist underground magazine called Al Ansar, which is published and distributed in London. Both he and publication are known to British

anti-terrorist officers. Over the past year the Security Service and the police have privately warned of a likely increase in activities by Algerian Islamic fundamentalists in this country. Algeria claims that Britain has become a haven for

firmed most of the details published in the two French newspapers, which said Abou Fares gave orders to Boualem Bensaid, a 27-year-old Algerian arrested on Thursday. Mr Bensaid is accused of making a phone call, taped by police, in which he was allegedly heard in instruct accomplices to plant a

car bomh near Lille. Le Parisien said Abou Fares supplied guerrillas in France with funds, and organised train-ing trips to Afghanistan for Muslim militants. His mobile phone number was also found in an address book belonging to Khaled Kelkal, an Algerianborn bombing suspect killed in a gun battle with police near Lyons in September.

campaign the police and MI5 have stepped up their surveil-lance of Algerian extremist groups in Britain. Scotland Yard said yesterday: "We can confirm that the Metropolitan Police has offered its support and advice regarding terrorism and organised crime at high-level meet-ings between British and French

authorities. "There are already established links ... with French nfficers working in London and a Scotland Yard officer based in Paris. These links have proved invaluable. Following the scale of bombings in London in recent years, we are able to conduct a very productive dialogue with nur French counterparts." London safe haven, page 10

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Sinn Fein poses crisis for peace talks

Ireland Correspondent

The deadlock in the Northern Ireland peace process last night seemed firmer than ever following the failure of talks between Government minister Michael Ancram and a Sinn

Fein delegation headed by Mar-Afterwards Mr McGuinness spoke of appealing to the in- of this island. We need people ternational community in an effort to break the impasse, which centres on the issues of the decommissioning of weapoury and the convening of all-party

political negotiations. Despite much Anglo-Irisb diplomacy and a series of meetings between Mr Ancram and Mr McGuinness, there is no obany closer after many months of

Mr McGuinness said yesterday: "This is a very serious setback. Like myself most of our supporters will be very disappointed indeed. What we must now do is to appeal to the international community to come to our aid - not in Sinn Fein's aid but to the aid of the people

ernment is actively squandering this opportunity for peace." Mr McGninness was critical of the government's refusal to endorse a plan for progress which had been drawn up by Sinn Fein President. Gerry Adams, and the leader of the

to recognise that this British gov-

Party, John Hume. This plan remains unpublished.

Mr Ancram, meanwhile, released a Government document setting out suggestions for a twin-track approach in which "all-party preparatory talks" would be begun while an independent international body was set up to consider the de-coming issue. Both activities would be undertaken jointly by London and Dublin.

The document raises the possibility of announcing a target date for the opening of all-party political negotiations. The document also avoids mention of "Washington 3," the Government's stipulation that some arms should be de-commissioned before negotiations, al-Social and Democratic Labour though official sources are

adamant that this remains the Government's position. Mr Ancram said of the failare of yesterday's meeting: "It is a setback, but not any greater than some we have had in the

In London, it was made clear that Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, wants to clear the ground for allparty talks to go ahead by next February. Sir Patrick remains optimistic that the twin-track approach can be up and running by December. He wants the international commission to complete its report to the Irish and British governments by February, clearing the way for all the parties, including Mr Adams, and

David Trimble, the Ulster Union-

hurried into a change of policy over decommisioning, in spite of efforts to use the visit to Britain by President Bill Clinton at the end of the month as a lever to force a compromise. The warning by Mr Adams that the peace process "is on the point of failure" is taken seriously by ministers. But they are convinced that the Sinn Fein leadership is not about to break off the peace talks.

ist leader, to sit down together.

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Rosemary West trial: Detailed confessions to police describe where and how six murders were carried out

Chilling tapes let court into mind of killer

WILL BENNETT

Frederick West told detectives about six murders - including those of his first wife and daughter. Heather - in a series of chilling confessions.

His matter-of-fact tone during the taped interviews held Winchester Crown Court spell-bound. He said: "What happened was Heather was going to leave home the day before and we stopped her and said give it the night to talk it over with us because you're too young to leave home anyway, and we'll talk it over.

Well, we talked it over most of the night. Heather went down to bed ... and Heather cried all night she wanted to leave home

"She (Heather) said 'if you don't fucking let me go I'll give all the kids acid (LSD) and they'll all jump off the church roof and be dead on the floor.

'So she stood there and she had a smile and a sort of smirk on her face like 'you try me. I'll and left it there.'



According to the tapes, Heather West (left) was

and grabbed her round the

do it'. I lunged at her like that

"I held her for a minute, how long I held her for, I don't know. I can't remember because for that few minutes I can't even remember what happened. I can just remember lunging for her throat and the next minute

she's gone blue.
"I never intended to burt her. i mean, I just went to grah her to shake her and say, 'take that stupid smirk off your face' be-

cause I was going to smack her across the face. "I tried to get her into the dustbin. I couldn't get her in there so at that time we used to have one of those big ice-saws for cutting hig blocks of ice. So

cut her legs off with that and I'm telling you, I have lived that a million times doing that since then. I cut her head off and then I put her in the bin and put the lid on and rolled it down the bottom of the garden behind the wendy house and covered it up

knew nothing at all. Whenever Rose brought it up years later, Rose used to say 'Christ, I wish we'd try and get in contact and find out where Heather is'. "Although they didn't get on, she still loved her, same as the rest. And then that's when I

told Rose about Heather's

West: "Rose accepted it then,

"I would like to stress Rose

that she had gone, that she had

whereabouts ever since?"

left home.

many pieces?"

head and a body

used to make excuses up." West said that his first murder victims were his first wife, Rena, and Charmaine, her daughter by another man: "I went and found Rena and then

Charmaine was in the back of the van asleep. "I took Reno into a pub and got her absolutely paralytic and then took her out to Dymock in the country where I know, and

I strangled her and huried her. "I think Rena had given



Frederick West: 'They're all exactly the same. I strangled them and then cut them up

a bottle of lager or something. And then she drank that and she was sound asleep and I had forgotten all about her.

"I went back to the van and I found her [Rena's] car. There was Charmaine in the back of it, and I thought 'shit, what am I going to do now?"

'Anyway, I strangled her while she was still sleeping because there is no way I could have touched her any other way, and wrapped her up in the back and drove back to Midland Road." He buried the child in a back basement.

West later prepared a sketch showing where bodies had been buried at his home. **Detective Constable Savage**

asked him: "Who's that under . fair with another victim, Lucy the floor in the bathroom?" West: "Lynda." DC Savage said, "Lynda

West said, "Gough, is it?"

with you and all this crap, and Asked if he could remember the name of one victim, West replied, "I did know it at the time, but I forgot it now. Gloncester. There's so many. I mean, I knew

"All these girls I've had affairs with and that's why they ended up this way, hecause they threatened to tell Rose.

her well because we had had an

"Every one of them did exactly the same thing. 'I love you, I'm pregnant, I'm going to tell Rose, I want you to come and live with me', and that was the

"My main problem was Rose not finding out what was going

West claimed he had an af-Partington, after he met her in

He said the relationship last-ed about three months: "She

I just grabbed her by the throat and then I drove back to

In a later interview, West said that he picked up three women hitchhikers in the Worcester area, one of them a 'Dutch girl'. "I have no description whatsoever of them because I never actually saw them in daylight as

"I was just generally talking to her [the Dutch girl] as I was going along and the next minute she sat on the engine, and the next minute she had got my fly undone and messing about. So I did the same.

We made love, I think we made love twice, I think we did one after the other, and then she said, 'that'll be ten quid, or something'. And I said, 'well, I don'i carry money. And anyway, I wouldn't pay a prostitute.' We "She started shouting and she all".

Photograph: PA said, 'you're the sort of person

who goes with slags or something.' As soon as she said that I thought of Rose, and Rose is no slag as far as I was concerned, so I went for her and then the same thing happened with her. "I smacked her up against the

lorry] window and she just dropped. I strangled her, or held my hands around her neck anyway, and that was it.

Detective Constable Savage asked him: "Are you responsible for killing all of these peo-ple, Fred? Can you tell me whether the way you killed them was different?"

West replied: 'No, they're all exactly the same. I strangled them and then cut them up." Delective Constable Savage asked: "Is there anybody else involved with you?

West replied: "Nobody at

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Life for teenager who killed Briton

A teenager convicted of killing a Bratish tourist at a highway service area in north Florida two years ago was yesterday jailed

John "Billy Joe" Crumitic, 18, was convicted in September of the first-degree murder of Gary Colley, 34, of Bradford, West Yorkshire. Mr Colley's girlfriend, Margaret Jagget, 37, was wounded in the hungled rohhery near Monticello.

Deron "Lowlife" Spear, who drove a stolen car from the scene, was jailed for eight years. A third youth who police believe fired the fatal shot and who has admitted second degree murder will be sentenced later.

Cashier's flight

Police throughout Europe were on alert to catch a council clerk who vanished with £100,000. Lieutenant Commander Gerald Taylor, 43, chief financial officer at Witworth council, in Lancashire, said he was going on holiday to Russia two weeks ago. His car was found in Hull.

Tube fares to rise

Bus and tube fares in London are to rise by an average of 4.5 per cent in the New Year with some going up by as much as 14 per cent. Most ordinary fares. including 70p hus and Tube trips, will go up by 10p, and travelcards by the rate of inflation.

Oscar first Christie's is to hold the first anction of an Oscar in Europe. The sale of Ethel Barrymore's 1944 prize for her supporting role in Vone But the Lonely Heart, on 14 December, will also include Charlie Chaplin's hat and cane.

Power play

Opposition spokesmen will be able to take part in confidential exchanges with senior civil servants from the New Year, John Major has revealed in a Commons written reply, Mr Major . gave the undertaking to the late John Smith, the former Labour leader, after the 1992 election.

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Lottery chief says charities suffer PR firm cuts Mellor link

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Small charities have suffered as coutive of the National Couna result of the National Lottery, cil of Voluntary Organisations a senior member of Camelot ad- (NCVO), said the loss to char-

mitted yesterday. David Rigg. Camelot director of communications, told the Charities Aid Foundation conference that "the jury was still out" on the lottery's longterm impact but some charities had suffered and "suffered precisely at the same time as the National Lottery started".

Since the loltery was launched nearly a year ago, charities and most recently the Church of England have said

that revenue would be lost. Stuart Etherington, Chief Exities could be as much as £339m by the end of the first year set ainst the projected £248m the

National Lottery Charity Board has to give out. In July to September 1995, 10 per cent fewer people gave to charity than in the same months in 1992/3, and NCVO estimates 6.4 per cent of giving is being diverted to buying lottery tickets.

The first grants donated by the hoard last month have proved controversial. David

Sieff, chairman of the lottery's grants were announced. Mr charity board, said it had sur-Sieff said: "These journalists

While Mr Sieff said most priorities were consistent with the board's thinking, "there were some notable cases where the respondents' views were quite different from those of the board - particularly in respect of the low ranking they gave to refugees, women's issues, ethnic and cultural minorities and other people affected by discrimination".

Such groups were the focus of media criticism when the

veyed nearly 8,000 voluntary or- seem to believe their readers ganisations to learn their views would rather step over the and identify their priorities. corpses of the victims of drug | PR consultancy, has ended a abuse, HIV illness, refugees from overseas and those unable to afford shelter.

Meanwhile, it emerged last night that the National Lottery Charities Board has spent £1.26m on consultancy fees and nearly £50,000 on members' expenses, according to parliamentary answers given to the Lahour MP John Hutton. Spending on consultants averaged nearly £25,000 for each week of the board's existence,

and CHRIS BLACKHURST

Shandwick, the world's largest two-year relationship with the Conservative MP David Mellor in advance of a series of key Commons votes on Monday on cleaning up standards in pub-

lic life. While Wednesday's select committee report rejected the original Nolan recommendation for a ban on multi-client consultancies in favour of a specific ban on advocating clients causes in Parliament, the agency had already decided at the end of October not to renew its conmer heritage secretary and MP arrangement should come to an Colin Trusler, managing di-

wanted to "stand clear" of the debate over links between MPs and multi-client consultancies. Mr Mellor's entry in the Register of Members' Interests says he does not lobby ministers or speak on behalf of Shandwick clients in the Commons, or table

questions on their behalf. He said yesterday: "In the present

climate it seemed appropriate

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES tract with Mr Mellor, the for- that after two happy years this end, and it has ended."

The move is the latest sign of rector of Shandwick UK, said he the trend of lobbyists cancelling or altering their relationships with MPs.

Labour yesterday stepped up its campaign for relevant earnings to be publicly declared, publishing a list of 125 Tory MPs who act as part-time consultants or advisers in a bid to persuade them to "act in the public interest" by hacking a Labour amendment on Monday.

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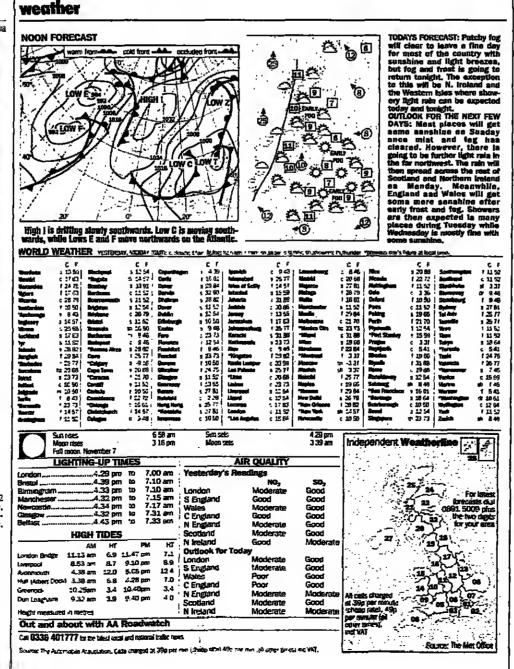
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Cannabis inquiry backed by 27 Labour MPs

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

A number of Labour MPs support Clare Short's suggestion that there should be an inquiry into the legalisation of cannabis, a survey by the Independent reveals.

Among the 91 MPs re-- accounting for a third of the parliamentary party - 27 said the legal status of cannahis should be reconsidered, including three with front bench jobs, two of whom preThe questions we asked

1. Do you think that the Labour party should consider the legalisation of cannabis?

2. Do you think Clare Short was right to speak out as she did on David Frost's programme, or do you think

she should have stuck to her brief? 3. Have you ever used cannabis yourself?

ferred to remain anonymous. Iwenty-one said it should not, 42 declined to comment and one was undecided.

Thirteen of the MPs also

said that Ms Short, the recent-

ly appointed Labour spokeswoman on transport, was right to speak her mind on the issue when questioned on BBC 1's Breakfast with Frost last Sunday.

diate slap-down from the Labour leader, Tony Blair, who instructed all Shadow Cahinet members to observe collective responsibility. Ms Short was obliged to issue a retraction.

Ms Short's intervention was all the more embarrassing because Labour's opposition to an inquiry into the drug laws was used to attack Chris Davies. the Liheral Democrat victor in the Littleborough and Saddleworth by-election.

Five of the MPs admitted

George Foulkes, an overseas development spokesman (who has not done so), agreed that the party should consider the legalisation of cannahis. Another front-bencher agreed while a third called for a Roy-

Other MPs prepared to publicly admit their support for further inquiry or debate were Bob Hughes (Aberdeen North). Helen Jackson (Sheffield Hillsborough), Max Madden (Bradford West), Brian Donohoe

al Commission.

issues." He added: "Labour my Corbyn (Islington North), MPs would feel utter despair if Paddy Tipping (Sherwood). George Stevenson (Stoke-on-Trent South), Tony Banks (Newham North West). Jimmy Hood (Clydesdale), and Frank Cook (Stockton North).

Jim Cousins (Newcastle Central) said cannabis should not be legalised for general use but should be considered for use as a medicine Mr Madden said: "What she

said is extremely welcome. It is very much the job of a radical

they thought the front bench was being prevented from say-ing things that might upset Tory MPs or the tabloid press." Mr Corbyn, a left-winger. said the issue of legalisacion

needed to be separated from the furore over Ms Short, "She has a right to an opinion - hur she was inept to let the interview wander," he said.

Of the five admitting they had tried cannahis, only Mr Tipping was prepared to go public, say-

ing he had done so at universitv. He added there was a strong case for its use in pain relief, for example for MS sufferers.

Jim Cunningham (Coventry South East i, said he went on a parliamentary visit to Amsterdam, where the drug is effectively legalised, and was not impressed. Mr Cook said some at Littleborough and Saddleworth "went overboard in quite a disgraceful manner".

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End of an Asprey era: Two hundred-year tradition over as 'Queen's gift shop' passes into foreign ownership



Royal family: The Asprey shop in Bond Street, central London, which has been sold in a package which includes other designer names such as Mappin & Webb and Garrard

Crown jewellers sold off for a princely £250m

NIGEL COPE

Another British landmark succumbed to foreign ownership yesterday when Asprey, the Queen's jewellers, was sold to Prince Jefri Bolkiah of Brunei. the Sultan of Brunei's brother,

for nearly £250m. The deal gives the Prince control of Asprey's Bond Street store in London which is frequently referred to as the Queen's gift shop, as well as Garrard, the Royal jewellers, Mappin & Webh and a host of other designer names.

The deal marks the end of more than 200 years of independence for the upmarket jeweller which was founded by William Asprey in 1781 and has been controlled by the Asprey family ever since.

It also closes a difficult chapter for the company which has been facing a slump in demand from its wealthy customers and has struggled with the effects of an ambitious expansion programme in the past few years. Asprey joins a long list of prestige London landmarks

that have been snapped up by wealthy overseas buyers. The Dorchester Hotel is owned by the Sultan of Brunet, the Al-Fayed family owns Harrods and Harvey Nichols, the Knightsbridge department store, was sold to a Hong Kong husinessman, Dickson Poon, in

Prince Jefri has been a friend of the Aspreys for many years and is a regular customer in the store. Of the £243m he is paying, more than £100m will go to the Asprey family which is selling all but 10 per cent of its

shareholding.

John Rolls Asprey, a direct descendant of the founder, will remain as chairman and continue to serve the store's wealthiest customers.

John Asprey said: "My family and I have known Prince Jefri and his family for many years. His ownership of Asprey will enhance the style and status of the group and the Asprey family is delighted to play an important role in its

future. However insiders believe that Mr Asprey is likely to be deeply hurt by the surrender of a business that has been in his fami-

ly for so long. One insider said: "He will put a brave face on it. But it must hurt him. I just never thought John would do it. To be the one who sells the family business after all this time must be very dif-

He has previously battled hard to maintain control of the

In 1980 the company was al-most acquired by Dunhill, the huxury goods group, after a bit-ter feud spilt the family. Onefaction was keen to sell but John and other supporters retained control by buying out the dis-senting shareholders. He vowed then that he would

never lose control of the business. "I expect it will go on in the family for ever," he said.

However after a good spell in the economic hoom of the 1980s the company has fallen on hard times. Under a flamboyant chief executive. Naim Attallah, the company embarked on a rapid expansion

selling dressing cases.

en the group's customer base

In a few years the company

bought Mappin & Webb from

Sears. Watches of Switzerland

from Ratners, and Les Amhassadeurs, a Swiss jew-

But the worldwide recession

wrong-footed the group and the

steady stream of wealthy visitors

to the Bond Street store began

A profit warning last year sig-nalled the start of the deadline.

The share price plunged and it

emerged this year that most of

the group's assets were in hock

In June the company an-

nounced a £10m loss and re-vealed that its third largest

profit contribution came from

Figures issued yesterday

show that Asprey made profits

of £1.2m in the six months to

September. With its new

backer, the company is confi-

dent that it can now invest in its

stores and improve their fi-

nancial performance.

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1832: Appointed dressing case maker to the King. 1841: Opens flagship store programme intended to broad-

in Bond Street. 1861: Appointed jeweller

Rise and fall of the

House of Asprey

1781: Founded by William

Asprey In Mitcham, Surrey,

to Queen Victoria. 1980: Asprey family almost

loses control to Dunhill.

1981: Business listed on Unlisted Securities Market.

1990: Naim Attallah appointed joint managing director. Takes business on acquisition soree.

1990-93: Asprey buys Mappin & Webb, Watches of Switzerland and Les Ambassadeurs.

1994: First signs of trouble. Asprey shares and profits slump, hit by decline in wealthy overseas buyers, among them, the Sultan of Brunei and Prince Jefri.

1995: Asprey sold to Sultan of Brunei's brother, Prince Jefri, for £243m.

parents call on board to resign IAN MACKINNON

Parents of pupils at Dulwich College in south London yes-terday called on the school's hoard of governors to quit over its handling of sexual harassment allegations against the headmaster which forced his resignation.

Many felt that the time which it had taken the hoard to investigate and reach a decision over the accusations made against Anthony Verity. 56. by his secretary, had made it impossible for him to continue.

As they spoke of their dismay at his departure, despite being cleared of any sexual impropriety with Anne Ridley, 38, all 1,400 parents received a twopage letter outlining the reasons for the governors' decision.

The letter, signed by Sir Colin Cole, the board's chairman. reiterates the reason for his reorement given after a meeting on Thursday between the governors and Mr Verity, saying he had allowed "an inappropriate relationship to develop and that this affected the performance of his duties"

Even though Mr Verity strongly disputes that view, he decided to resign from his £100,000-a-year post after an agreement over a financial package, rumoured to be about £500,000, had been struck. Mrs Ridley has also left and received

compensation.
The letter says the process to select a successor will begin next week, but rejects any suggestion that the board dragged its feet, and was always aware of the "need to resolve the matter speedily" following Mr Verity's suspension in August over al-

legations in March. But one of the most outspoken parents. Sue Macdiarmid. with three boys at the school, questioned the board's actions.

The more we hear of this, the more it seems like a cata-logue of disastrous decisions made by the board from March onwards," she said. "It reveals the inability to deal with a small management problem. The incompetence of the board has now become an injustice.

She also accused the board of moving the goalposts once it be-came clear that the sexual harassment allegation could not be proven. The board had called his performance into question when that had not been raised

when he was first suspended. Finally, Mrs Macdiarmid called on Sir Colin and the board to resign, a demand echoed by others who wished to remain anonymous. Boys, parents and staff at Dulwich College deserve hetter than this." Mrs Macdiarmid said.

Bob Alexander, clerk to the board, declined to comment.

Big spender with a playboy image

SIMON PINCOMBE

Prince Jefri Bolkiah, the flamboyant finance minister of the oil-rich kingdom of Brunei, is by far the less reserved of the two main Brunei royals. Yester-day's purchase of Asprey's - of which he was a big client - is the latest in a string of private in-vestments which have earned him a playboy image.

Both Prince Jefri and the Sultan, the world's richest man, enjoy polo and collecting expensive cars. But there the similarity ends. The Sandhurst-trained Sultan, 49, takes his role as the head of a Muslim state very seriously, according to his aides. He is a very shy man who does his best to keep a low profile, says one insider. "If stories of

huge wealth start appearing . it's usually because of Prince Jefri." It was Prince Jefri, not the Sultan, who hired Rod Stewart to perform at his son's birthday party in August. It was Prince Jefri who ordered Rolls-Royce to go back to the drawing board and design a Bentley estate worth £500,000. It was Prince Jefri who paid £55m for the old Playboy Club, his Park Lane home, and had the huilders ex-



cavate a spectacular atrium from within its seven storeys. Separating who owns what in the Brunei royal family can be a tricky husiness. Many of the investments, such as the Dorchester, Beverley Hills Hilton and the New York Palace Hotel are owned by the Brunei Investment Agency.

Between them the two rowals own more than 20 residences in and around London and countless properties ahroad. The Sultan is said to have a £22bn fortune and an oil income of £6m a day on which no tax is levied. But neither he nor the BIA confirm or deny assets or transactions.

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Changing the guard: While courts advocate a review on gays in the forces, service chiefs prepare to fight for the 'status quo'

Forces gay ban 'ripe for review'

A Court of Appeal judge told han on gays in the armed forces was "ripe for review and for consideration of its replacement by a strict conduct code".

The conclusions of Lord Justice Henry on a legal challenge to the ban confirm the outspoken views of Lord Justice Brown in the High Court earlier this year, that the Government has the legal right to dismiss gays, but that the policy is outdated and should be lifted.

In their judgment yesterday the three judges, led by the Mas-ter of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham, unanimously rejected an appeal by four gay ser-vicemen and women that their dismissal from the forces was unlawful. They had not demonstrated, as they need to under the law, that the ban on gays was an irrational policy.

The four, who all had good service records, have four weeks to ask the House of Lords to consider the case. If the Lords refuse, they have said they will go to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, where they are thought almost certain to be successful.

The Armed Forces Minister Nicholas Soames welcomed the ruling yesterday. "We are absolutely delighted that the policy of excluding homosexuals from the armed forces has been examined in great depth by the High Court and the Court of



Ruled out: (from left) Graeme Grady, John Beckett, Jeanette Smith and Duncan Lustig-Praen, after the judgment

Appeal and found to be lawful and rational," he said, adding that the decision would be greeted with great relief in the services. However, he pledged that the current review of the ban would continue. The ministry will report its conclusions

tee early next year. Both the courts have criticised the lack of evidence to back the Ministry of Defence policy.

In his judgment, Sir Thomas Bingham said: "The existing policy cannot in my judgment be stigmatised as irrational at the time when these appellants

were discharged." He added: Major policy changes should be the product of mature reflection, not instant reaction."

said it was for Parliament and In the High Court earlier this not the courts to change the law. year Lord Justice Brown said he refused the applications with "hesitation and regret". He said the "tide of history" was

against the Ministry of Defence and predicted that the policy would eventually collapse, but

Duncan Lustig-Prean, a former Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Navy, fought the Photograph: Edward Webb

ex-RAF sergeant; Jeanette Smith, 28, an ex-RAF nurse and John Beckett, 25, a former navy weapons engineer. He said: What I find a shame is that our admirals and generals continue to dance a hornpipe of homophobia. Discharges continue and lives are being destroyed." Navy ready for 'battle' against homosexuals

STEPHEN WARD

Service chiefs are planning a major battle to keep gays out of the armed forces, a leaked letter between two leading Navy figures reveals.

The letter from the Com-mander-in-Chief of the Fleet, Admiral Sir Hugo White, to the First Sea Lord, Sir Jock Slater. was leaked to the gay rights group Stonewall. He says: "As in all bartles timing is everything, and 1 know that Chiefs of Staff not only intend but are already vigorously defending the status quo, and are determined to act in the most effective way at the optimum moment to do so. I would ask you to discourage any self-defeatist view that we shall inevitably lose our case."

The letter, written before the Ministry of Defence announced it was reviewing the policy, reveals a belief among the senior figures that homophobia is deeply entrenched at all levels. His letter gives the results of a survey of attitudes among Navy staff down to mess-deck level, which has been "far reaching and conducted

with considerable sensitivity". Sir Hugo, 56, who has left the Royal Navy to become Governor of Gibraltar, pleads with his superior against carrying out another survey for ministers be-

cause such surveys have "an unsettling effect" of making people think the Navy is moving towards a more tolerant attitude. Comparisons with other countries' experiences were widely seen as fallacious because we have unique cultural traditions and tend to be sexually more conservative than many other countries".

There was general concern that "the image of Servicemen would degrade" if gays were al-

lowed to serve. We found some, but not many, liberal-minded individuals among mainly junior officers and men who said they would not object to relaxation in principle, but when asked whether they would object to sharing bunk spaces, crowded messdecks, showers and undressing m close proximity to homosexuals they admitted they would not like it. The majority declared revulsion at the prospect.

He adds: "The threat of sexual corruption among the sexually immature within the Fleet would be real, and a deterrent to potential recruits and their parents. More broadly, people in the Fleet do not see whey it should be used for what they perceive to be social experimentation as a result of vociferous lobbying by a minority



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Barclay twins to take control at 'Scotsman'

Five of Scotland's newspapers, including the flagship title, the Scotsman, have been sold by the Thomson Corporation to complete the sale of its UK newspaper publishing interests, it said yesterday.

A company owned by David and Frederick Barclay, whose interests include the European newspaper, have acquired Thomson's Edinburgh news-paper centre, which publishes the Scotsman, the Edinburgh Evening News and Scotland on Sunday, for an undisclosed sum.

The corporation's Aberdeen centre - which publishes the Evening Express and the Press and Journal - is to go to Northcliffe Newspapers, a subsidiary of the Daily Mail and General

Thomson said the sale of the Edinburgh centre had been completed but the sale to Industry. Until then, the Ab- leisure travel in the UK.



Barclay twins: Investing in prestigious titles

Northcliffe of the Aberdeen

centre was subject to review by

the Monopolies and Mergers

Commission, and clearance by the Department of Trade and

by Thomson. The Scottish sell-off follows the sale by Thomson in July of

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its centres in Belfast, Cardiff, Chester, Newcastle and Teesside to Trinity International Holdings, and of its Luton cen-tre to Emap.

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Thomson Corporation president Michael Brown said of the new owners: "We helieve they will strongly support the inde-pendence of the newspapers and continue their development. We are most appreciative of the support and loyalty of all our staff in our UK newspaper husinesses over the years and particularly during the last few

Thomson's main activities are specialised information and publishing, newspaper publishing in North America, and

School faces 'hanging' inquiry

lice yesterday after a bullying attack in which a boy was left hanging unconscious by his tie in a gymnasium.

The 11-year-old boy was strung up on climbing bars in the gym at the Hayling School, Hayling Island, near Portsmouth, Hampshire.

He was discovered choking

Pupils at a secondary school to fend for himself by his tor-were being interviewed by po-mentors. The youngster's feet quences". were not touching the ground.

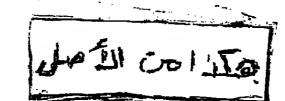
The cleaner released him and he was taken to Queen Alexandra hospital, Cosham, suffering from neck injuries. He was discharged after treatment and was recovering at

home last night. Detective Chief Inspector Nick Imber, of Hampshire po-

Derek Holmes, the school's chairman of governors, said: "Any incident which affects children in this way is obviously very serious and I'm sure it

will be treated very seriously." The school was the subject of a harsh report by a government inspector last year. The report criticised the way the school was run and expressed concerns over health and safety issues.





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Deputy Prime Minister: Enormous expenditure on Michael Heseltine's new Government department comes under attack

Empire in Whitehall costs a king's ransom

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Michael Heseltine yesterday shrugged off attacks on the estimated £495,000 he is costing the taxpayer.

Self-doubt is not a recognised trait of the First Secretary to the Treasury and Deputy Prime Minister, who now occupies one of the largest offices in Whitehall, dubbed 10A Down-

ing Street.

He has taken unprecedented powers in running the Whitehall machine from the 872 sq ft suite of rooms he has commandeered at the Cabinet Office.

And he can control the whole machine on the "Hezzanet" a £150,000 information technology system linking his desk to the desks of every other minister in the Government.

The electronic system allows the Deputy Prime Minister to notify every minister in Whitecan look into every one of his stone. After his heart attack in

and log on to the departmenlal diaries, in an altempt to ensure that the Government is nging the same tune.

With the Prime Minister attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference in New Zealand, the Deputy Prime Minister's own diary for next week underlines his seniority in the Government. He has his own session of Question Time on Monday, before appearing again on Tues-day to answer Prime Minister's Questions for John Major.

On Saturday, he is likely to represent the Government for the Prime Minister at the Remembrance Concert at the Royal Albert Hall and on Remembrance Sunday he will again deputise for Mr Major. laying the Government's wreath

at the Cenotaph. The next day, he is due to go into a private clinic for an ophall of his orders for the day. He eration to remove a kidney

colleagues' ministerial diaries, and log on to the departmen- ltaly, there were doubts that he would come back to office, but he has bounced back, giving the Tory party conference in Blacklo remember.

He is no longer seen as a threat to Mr Major - in spite of continued speculation about the deal struck after the July leadership contest - hut he has his fingers in every Whitehall pie. If Mr Major fell under the pro-verbial bus, Mr Heseltine would effortlessly move next

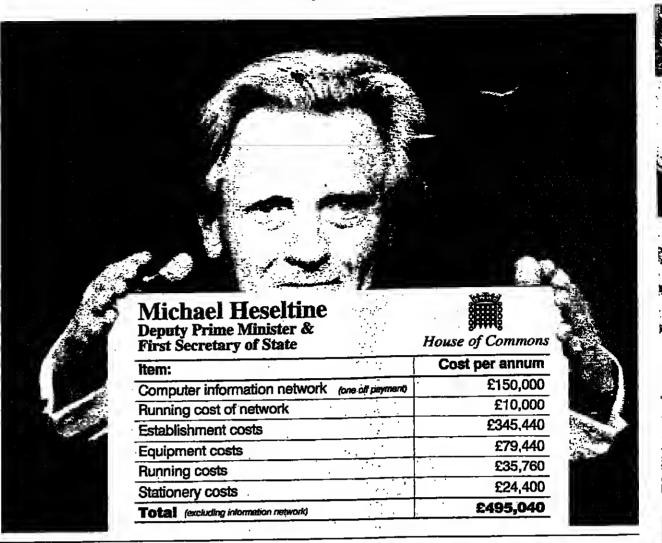
His treatment of his Cabinet deputy. Roger Freeman, has led colleagues to dub Mr Freeman "Sooty", because he seems to be at Mr Heseltine's command.

Mr Heseltine has his own stationery, emblazoned with the crest used by the Cabinet Office and his titles, "Deputy Prime Minister and First Secretary of State". His total annual paper bill will be £24,400. In addition, he has his own staff costing £345,440 a year.

The Liberal Democrats claim that the true cost of having a Deputy Prime Minister is even higher. They point out that he privatised his own ministerial driver, when he resigned under Baroness Thatcher, and still employs his own chauffeur, with a Daimler, at a cost of £43,628, excluding VAT.

His ministerial salary is £42,834, in addition to his reduced Parliamentary pay. The four rooms he occupies, in-cluding a refurbished conference room he has turned into his private office, would cost around £77,000 a year in rent on the open market, according to the Liberal Democrats, who say the real cost of Mr Heseltine's empire is £753,000.

Mr Heseltine undoubtedly believes the Government is getting a hargain at the price. But Roger Freeman's suggestion that MPs should retire at 60 was regarded in Whitehall yesterday as a way of getting hack at his hoss. Michael Heseltine is 62.



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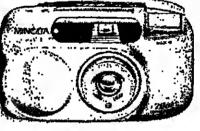
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Church sells its Sky shares over porn channel

Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Church of England yesterday sold all its shares in BSkyB, worth a total of £3.6m as a response to the faunch of the soft porn Playboy Channel on the satellite network.

Speaking on London's Premier Radio, the Church Commission's stock exchange investment manager. Tony Hardy, said: "We have held a review and have reached a decision that it would be appropriate to self our holding in BSkyB.

"We wish to give a clear signat that the commissioners do not wish to benefit from firms directly marketing pornography.

However, the Church Commissioners, who manage most of the Church of England's assets, still hold shares in Reed-Elsevier, the media group which owns IPC, the publishers of Loaded magazine, whose latest issue contains a tasteless spoof on alleged Hindu miracles.

The decision by the commissioners, who had £2m worth of shares in BSkyB out of stock market investments worth about £tbn, and the Church's Central Board of Finance, which had a further £1.6m invested in the company, follows

the announcement that the Methodist central authorities had sold their shares in the enterprise three weeks ago.

The new channel offers subscribers programmes such as The Secrets of Making Love and 101 Ways to Excise Your Lover. BSkyB, which is controlled by Rupert Murdoch, has a 40 per cent stake in the channel.

The decision represents an extension of the previous policy on ethical investment into uncharted areas, and reflects the hugely increased sensitivity of the Church Commissioners to church-going opinion since they lost £800m in property speculation during the late 1980s.

Both the Anglican and Methodist churches have ethical investment policies which prohibit them from investing in companies whose main business is in the arms trade, gambling, tobacco, alcohol, or newspapers. A spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church said: "There isn't a central investment policv. Each diocese makes its own

investment decisions." The Church Commissioners' policy, however clear-cut in principle, tends to hlur around the edges. They have invested £9m in GEC, which in turn owns VSEL, which makes Trident yesterday that the key criterion was whether a company's main business lay in objectionable ar-

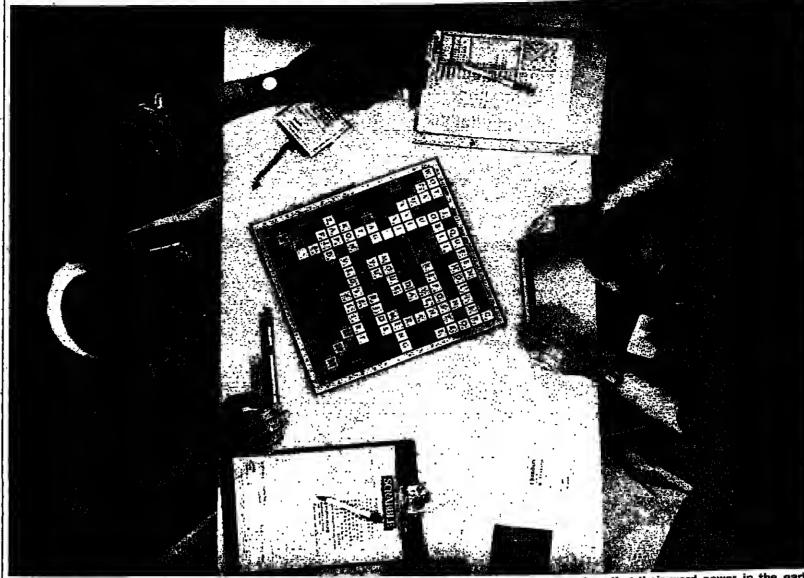
Reed-Elsevier, which owns IPC Magazines, which in turn owns Loaded, is a case in point. The latest issue of Loaded contains a picture of a Hindu deity apparently drinking from a beer can "after three days in the office", and the whole magazine is devoted to the laddish lifestyle.

"I don't think we currently monitor the contents of Loaded," said a spokesman for the commissioners. "There is a difference between the Playboy TV channel which is marketed as soft pornography and the contents of a magazine.

Neither the commissioners nor the church's Central Board of Finance own shares in any other media group than Reed. In 1991, the Church Com-

missioners fought off a legal challenge mounted by a group of clergymen headed by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, who wanted them to tighten their ethical investment policy. They maintained then that they had a duty in law to maximise profits. This losses in property became clear.

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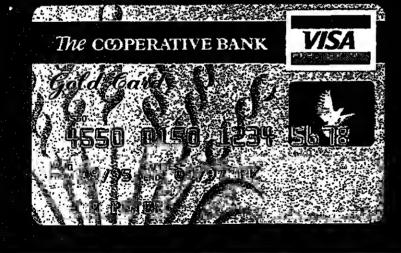


was before the scale of their losses in property became clear.

Board meeting: Competitors in the World Scrabble Championships at the Piccadilly Park Lane Hotel testing their word power in the early stages of the competition. Entrants from more than 30 countries are taking part in the event, which ends tomorrow

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Five jailed over child sex ring lose appeals

LOUISE JURY

Five men convicted in Britain's biggest trial for organised child sex abuse lost their appeals at the High Court yesterday but a sixth man walked free.

Breaches of child abuse guidelines laid down after the Cleveland scandal did not make the evidence so unreliable as to be unfair, the judges ruled. But lawyers argued a flawed investigation and the unrelia-

hility of child witnesses made

the convictions unsafe and unsatisfactory and said they would consider a further appeal. be named for legal reasons, joined in criticising social workers whom he claimed had prompted the allegations of a

paedophile ring operating in Pembrokeshire, west Wales. Speaking outside the High Court, he said: "I know they've got jobs to do, but why don't they do it properly? It's been hell. Half an hour ago I was the scum of the earth. Now I'm a human being again." He and four of the others were convicted at Swansea Crown Court

The sixth man was cleared of conspiracy but found guilty of buggery with his two children. The men received sentences of between 5 and 15 years.

At the end of the trial, Ray

White, Chief Constable of Dyfed-Powys, called the inquiry a "model of perfection". But the appeal heard claims, at least partly accepted by the Crown, of children coached ments, "contamination" of evidence where the children were allowed to discuss the claims between themselves and confusion children and investigation of their claims. However, Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, sitting with Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice Harrison, said it was up to the jury to decide whether children were telling the truth once it was established

that they knew right from wrong and understood the questions. The freed man was released after the judges ruled medical evidence concerning his twoyear-old daughter should not have been permitted at the original trial. As the jury were likely to have relied on it the improving training.

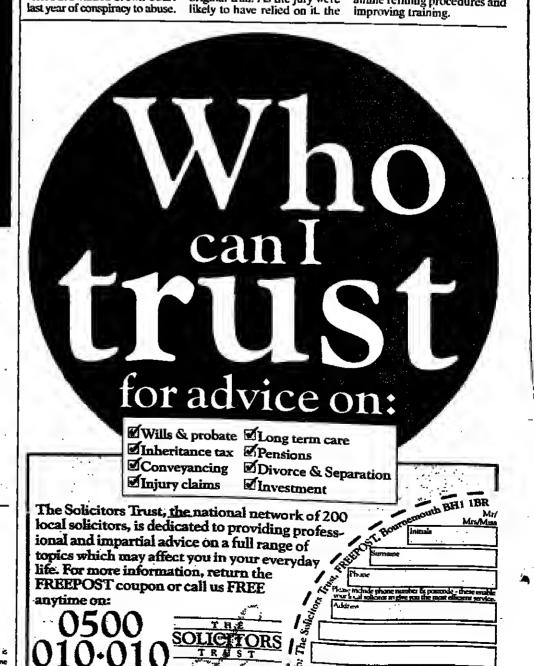
conviction was unsafe. But although some of the children's claims were "fantasy", there was evidence of adults bringing their children to group abuse sessions, the judges said. They were not persuaded the other convictions were unsafe.

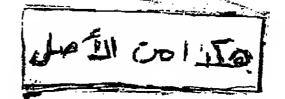
Relatives of the unsuccessful appellants left the London courtroom in tears. The wife of one man convicted of abusing before making video state- two sons by his first marriage, said: "There's no such thing as British justice."

The stepsister of one of the men said: "This has been a con between therapy to help the from start to finish. They're all covering each other's backs."

Paul Settatree, solicitor for one of the men, said: "This has resolved nothing. There have been lots of erudite legal points but justice has not been done. It hasn't looked at the question of the extent to which children

are susceptible to suggestion." Dewi Evans, Dyfed's director of social services, said the outcome was a vote of confidence for the department, although errors had been made. The child protection committee would examine refining procedures and





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ages, funding of long term care is becoming ever less generous.

And stringent means-testing is now in

place to determine how much you

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Sexual equality at work 'may have net cost'

BARRIÈ CLEMENT Labour Editor

Billions of pounds are spent fighting discrimination against women but there is considerable doubt over the economic beneffits, according to a controver-sial paper published yesterday by the Equal Opportunities

In a document which may undermine the commission's campaign to show that equal opportunities make "good busi-

ness sense", an expert in the field argues that there may a substantial "net costs" involved. While there can be econom-

ic benefits from a family-friendly approach, there is uncertainty about the advaotages of introducing polices beyond the already common flexi-time and part-time working.

Sally Holtermann, the author, implicitly warns against the recent commission strategy, fostered by Kamlesh Bahl, chairwoman of the EOC, of em-

phasising the business benefits of anti-discrimination policies. "There is a danger of a shift

in attitude towards the position where equality of opportunity is oo longer seen primarily as a matter of social justice, desirable in its own right, but merely as something that can be pursued if, and only if, it coincides with the employing organisation's

own self-interest. Ms Holtermann says the in-troduction of minimal familyfriendly policies can be a

"disguise for employers acting in their own self-interests". The Economics of Equal Op-

Other arrangements, such as leave entitlements and childcare assistance, are much less common and pressure for them is meeting resistance from employers and government alike. according to the author.

While such opposition may exist because the benefit cannot readily be seen, it may be that informal assessments only have

Ms Holtermann, writing in

commission, says that where self-interest is not apparent the Government should enforce minimum standards.

A briefing to accompany the book, published by the commission yesterday, concedes that traditional economics based on the analysis of the single company inevitably lead to questions about the commercial viability of enlightened policies. Authors of the book conclude

grounds - a statement which calls into question the recent husiness-orientated policy of the commission. The editors, Jane Humphries

tunities rests largely on ethical

of the University of Cambridge and Jill Rubery of the University of Manchester, believe that the economic case for anti-discrimination policies becomes stronger if attention is switched away from the individual business to the economy as a whole.

that the case for equal oppor- In contrast with the more bullish statements from the commission, a briefing paper to accompany the book will only venture that the pursuit of equal opportunities is "not necessarily incompatible with eco-

nomic efficiency". The findings will provide ammunition for commission officials who have privately heen expressing misgivings about the emphasis on business under the leadership of Ms Bahl. Some senior officials be-

fighting discrimination is that it involves a basic human right.

Ms Bahl said that the book was not intended to provide all the answers; it was meant to stimulate debate. There were many large national compa-nies for which equal opportunities were central to their employment policies. The TSB bank calculated that it had heen losing £3m a year by not introducing a family-friendly

Potted history: Comedian captivates young audience with TV satire on health-conscious fans of 'faffy' foods

Commercials turn quick snack into student cult

LOUISE JURY

in the canon of cult heroes, he is no Jim Morrison or James Dean: But in classrooms and on the campus, Terry the Pot Noodles promoter has a fan club.

Legions of teenagers are writing to demand signed pictures, "Gorgeous" is becoming a staple of the student lexicon. You may have dismissed Pot Noodles as a Seventies fad but the latest advertising campaign for the add-boiling-water quick snack has captivated the nation.

"It's very funny," said the co-median Peter Baynham, Terry's alter ego, yesterday. "I keep on getting calls from people saying. You're a postmodern cult'. I say, 'Oh, that's nice'.

It all began at the end of September when Terry hit primetime television advertising. He and fellow Welshman John, played by Martin Ellis, see a poster promoting the fibre goodness of Pot Noodles and launch an attack on healtby sticks-and-leaves "faffy" food.

Faffy food eaters are idious who look particularly idiotic when exercising. "Oh, I feel so fibrous," they say.

The wise guys shovel Pot Noodies down like pigs. "How can Pot Noodle be faffy food? It's too gorgeous," they say. In the style of a home video, the snack is transformed into a scrumptious yet healthy treat. anti-hero. A hero even. Ap-



Pot of gold: The TV advert that created a hero

ads, some guys were driving down the street and leaned out and shouted, 'gorgeons'."

As Baynham, 32, launched a national tour of universities and colleges with his BBC television comedy colleagues Lee and Herring, the words "fibrous" and "gorgeous" he-

In Llandudno, a fan threw a Pot Noodle on stage. "I like to think it was to me, not at me." At one college, he was lold they had renamed the refectory the . Fibrous Building, "By the time we got to Cardiff, there was up-roar. I'd become some kind of

Oasis ordered Pot Noodles to take on their American tour. It hrings a smile to the face of Jeremy Woods, marketing manager of Instant Hot Snacks. "A lot of people think it's a small niche brand which nobody eats, but Pot Noodle is the 25th largest food and drink hrand in

a year," be said. In between answering fans' letters, he tried to explain the phenomenon. "The people who eat them eat a lot of them. Those people in the know love the product. Those people who don't, eat faffy foods."

Britain. Currently worth £85m

Steven Huntley, 14, from Blyncethin near Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan is a chicken-andmushroom flavour fan and he loves the commercials. "It's when they say the word 'gor-geous'." His father, David, confirmed: "'Gorgeous' is a saying round here now."

In Lampeter in Dyfed, six "Pot Noodle-obsessed" students - Claire, Nadia, Ann. Jane, Marie and Lou - have declared their home a shrine. "Before your heart-wrench-

ing adverts entered deep into our home, our lives were a stirred existence of plain and tasteless slops," they wrote. "But now we can truthfully say we have changed our diet through the awakenings of the Pot Noodle and FIBREI"

The current run of commer-"I didn't know what to exparently gorgeous is a big - cials has just ended but a new pect," Baynham said. "Then catchphrase on the student saga of Terry and John returns



Moral fibre: Peter Baymham won new fans with his portrayal of Terry the noodle enthusiast Photograph: Edward Webb

Top award for hotel with whiff of scandal

JOHN MCKIE

It was the scene of the Profumo scandal in the Sixties and, more recently, the wedding of defence chief Sir Antony Buck to his last wife, Bienvenida.

Last year, it hit the beadlines for banning film star Richard Gere when he turned up for dinner in black denim dungarees.

Yesterday, the Cliveden Ho-tel in Taplow, Berkshire, banished any hint of ooloriety after winning the highest honour bestowed on its industry when the Egon Ronay guides voted it Hotel of the Year for 1995.

The hotel, a former residence of the Astor family, opened as a hotel 10 years ago and was praised by the Guide as "one of the finest, if not the finest, hotels in the country". It is, the guide added, "a unique building, meticulously restored and brilliantly converted to its present role".

The 1996 Egon Ronay's Cellnet Guide to Hotels & Restau-rants also bestowed an honour upon one of the year's other success stories. Rick Stein, whose Taste of the Sea book has only just been knocked off the top of the hestsellers list by fellow TV chef Delia Smith, won Restaurant of the Year for his Scafood restaurant in Padstow,

The launch of the new guide also saw the launch of a campaign to ensure that no one eating in a restaurant is charged for

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dragged the bodies of their fallen enemies out of the rice paddies and examined them. To their shock, the soldiers

found many of these feared Tamil warriors were only girls,

The Tamid Tigers are far from defeated, but have lost their aura of invincibility. The sinister, hulking figure of the Tamil guerrilla has been stripped away to reveal a young boy or girl, schooled in arms and

martyrdom.

The Tamils may also be on the verge of losing their dream of an independent homeland,

Eelam, on the northern tip of Sri Lanka, for which they have

fought for almost 13 years. The Tamil Tiger chief, Villupil-lai Prabakharan, and his force

of teenagers are unable to halt the assault by more than 25,000 government troops, backed by

tanks and artillery, from pushing within three miles of Jaffna.

"What we are witnessing", one observer in Colombo said.

"is kids having to take on the Sri Lankan army in a full-frontal

It is no longer a question of whether the army can conquer

the rehal fortress town but when. The rebel chief is thought to be hiding in the jungles south of the Jaffna peninsula.

Many of his Tigers are thought

to have crossed the lagoons with

Mr Prabakharan and to have melted into the jungles.

are huddled in temples, schools

and coconut groves about 10

miles away, in Chavakachcheri.

They are out of artillery range

but are starved and soaked by

some still children.

Tigers at bay but still dangerous

Desperate Tamils are hurling children into the final battle for Jaffna, writes Tim McGirk Colombo - After a fierce night battle against Tamil Tiger guerrillus, Sri Lankan soldiers



Rebel target: Sri Lanka army officers inspecting the wreckage of a fighter plane shot down by Tamils

offensive. According to offi-cial figures, only 50 civilians have been killed, compared with almost226 soldiers and

Only a contingent of rebels has stayed to defend the empty city of Jaffna, and they are hasy planting mines and boobytraps in abandoned houses to slow the army's advance by a foundary. nearly 1,000 Tiger rehels. But even those Tamils who few days. The capture of Jaffna, although of symbolic imporvearn to return to their villages fear being seen as traitors. The tance to the government, may Tiger doctrine is that "the mass exodus has clearly demonstrat-The dilemma that President ed the collective resentment and Chandrika Kumaratunga faces opposition of the Tamil people is that once her forces have towards ... the military takeover of Jaffna". The Tigers secured Jaffna, what will she do with an empty city? First, she must coax back Jaffna's Tamils. have so much support that it is difficult to find a Tamil family More than 400,000 refugees without a son or daughter tight-

> Tamil Eelam (LTTE). When civilians do drift back. Tigers will stalk into Jaffna with them and restart the guerrilla war.

ing in the Liberation Tigers of

Luring back the Tamils to Jaffna will not be easy, al-Although Sri Lanka has an army larger than Britain's, it is not well equipped or powerful though the government forces have tried to avoid civilian enough to guard the Jaffna peninsula against a guerrilla casualties during this two-week

campaign. There's a danger the Sri Lankan Army will stretch itself too thin against the LTTE and become very vulnerable," an observer said.

Mrs Kumaratunga was elected President a year ago on a peace ticket, and her campaign posters showed her releasing doves into a heavenly hine sky. Since then she has become a warrior queen, and her popularity among the majority Singhalese remains high. Western diplomats say that Mrs Kumaratunga tried to make peace with the Tigers, but the rehels were shamming.

A three-month cease-fire brokered earlier this year by Mrs Kumaratunga was used by the Tigers used to rearm, train recruits and deploy on the east-era seaboard. On 19 April, Tiger suicide commandos hlew up some navy vessels, signalling the truce was over. The President, whose party's ma-

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only one seat, was criticised by the opposition for being duped by the Tiger chief.

Mrs Kumaratunga, whose Colombo home is guarded

against Tamil suicide bombers,

jority in parliament depends on

hack to the negotiating table. While her army is hitting hard, Mrs Kumaratunga has unveiled plans to give the Tamils, a majority in the north and a sizeable presence in the east, control over their own land, schools and The package may entice war-weary Tamils, but not the LTTE

says she knows the Tigers' claws

cannot be drawn completely.

Her aim is to drag the rebels

chiefs. Mr Prabakharan has not budged from his demand for an independent Tamil state. Although he has been deprived of income from "revolutionary taxes" and school-ground recruits in Jaffna, the Tigers remain lethal. Even without Jaffna, the army of 10,000 Tigers can launch attacks on the peninsula, along the east coast and in Colombo.

Five children were massacred by Tiger rebels yesterday in a south-eastern village, almost 250 miles from the battle zone. Near Batticaloa, an eastern port, Tigers backed to death several Singhalese men last week. The Tigers loaded the dismembered bodies - "chopped" like fish", one evewitness said - on to a hullock cart that was sent creaking into a village with

its awful cargo. With slaughters such as these, the Tigers aim to draw troops from the siege of Jaffna. The Tigers, according to the government, may be trying to provoke the Singhalese into taking revenge against Tamils in Colombo and elsewhere in the south, which the rebels would use as proof that no peace canbe reached with the Singhalese.

To guard against Tamil attacks, which might trigger ethnic riots, Colombo on Thursday ordered schools to close for three months. The capital is braced for terrorism. The war may come to Colombo.

Islamic exiles 'flocking to safe haven in London

JASON BENNETTO

monsoon rains.

In the past year anti-terrorist officers and MI5 have warned of a likely increase in activities by Algerian terrorists in Britain.

Yesterday that fear was highlighted by reports that an Al-gerian Muslim extremist living in London had helped to organise the current bombing campaign in France. The man, named under his pseudonym of Abou Fares, is reported to be behind an extremist Islamic fundamentalist publication called Al Ansar, published in

London and distributed at mosques on Fridays throughout the capital. The magazine has called for the shooting of West-erners in Algeria, kidnapping and murder of government of-ficials and the hijacking of air-craft. Fund-raising operations have been established in London since the early Eighties. The police and MI5 have

stepped up surveillance of Islamic radicals after strong protests from France and Algeria that London has become a haven for exiles plotting the assassination of intellectuals,

politicians and journalists in Algeria AlAnsar ("The Partisan") calls for a holy war, and is thought to have links with Algeria's Armed Islamic Group (GIA). Jean-François Deniau. a former head of the French parliament's foreign affairs committee, said yesterday that London played a key role in financing Muslim groups. "Fi-nancially it is always the centre. In the Muslim world, the countries with the cash are the an-

glophone ones," he said. On Tuesday, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary,

lim groups from Afghanistan have had contacts and fund-raisers among the Muslim community in Britain. There is also evidence to suggest money from this country has been channelled to Islamic fundamentalist groups operating in Egypt.

The Algerian government claims that because Britain's asylum laws do not proscribe political activity as long as it does not break British law,

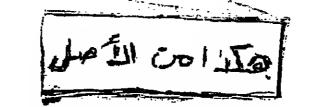
dissident exiles are flocking to London to take advantage of francs (£640m) a year. the good communications and large number of Arab newspapers published here. A network offers accommodation.

money and legal advice. The GIA wants France, the former colonial power, to end its support for Algeria's militaryhacked authorities, who cancelled a 1992 election which Muslim fundamentalists were poised to win. About 50,000 people have subsequently died in the fighting. The GIA has demanded that France end

In a television interview last

week, President Jacques Chirac for the first time linked French economic aid to Algeria to progress made towards democracy. The French government has repeatedly stated its neutrality in Algeria's presidential election late this month, but has banned all demonstrations linked to the election, and has restricted on security grounds the number of days on which Algerians living in France can cast their votes





HELEN WOMACK Moscow

Russia's Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, vesterday said Boris Yeltsin needed support to recover from his second heart attack in four months and therefore he would step in to coordinate the work of four key ministers who normally report directly to the President.

Although Mr Chernomyrdin said his boss was getting better and said his advice would be sought before important decisions were taken, the news of the partial transfer of responsibility was certain to provoke fresh speculation about the Kremlin leader's health and his chances of remaining in

A brief appearance by Mr Yeltsin, 64, on television, his first since he went in to hospital last week, did little to inspire confidence. Shown sitting almost motionless in a chair opposite Mr Chernomyrdin, the President slurred as he said: "Subjectively I feel not had. The recovery's going according to plan. There are no fears now."

Mr Chernomyrdin, who was allowed a 30-minute meeting with Mr Yeltsin in Moscow's Central Clinic, suggested that the President's relapse might have happened because he went hack to work 100 quickly after his first heart attack in July.

I think the President just needs to complete his course of treatment and everything will be all right." he said. He even went on to suggest Mr Yeltsin might still run in

The Russian President will soon be fit and his participation

presidential elections due next



Talking heads: Mr Chernomyrdin chatting with Mr Yeltsin during the Prime Minister's meeting with the President in Moscow's Central Clinic

is a matter of technicalities," he

But for the time being, Mr Yeltsin must rest. And so Mr Chernomyrdin will co-ordinate in the next presidential elections security and interior ministers.

"The President has to be partially relieved of these duties to give him a better chance to recover," he said.

"But of course we seek the the work of the foreign, defence. President's advice on all key

are heavily hurdened, with the Foreign Minister striving to raise Russia's profile in international affairs, especially the search for peace in Bosnia, and the other ministers bogged

The four "power ministers" down in the Chechnya crisis. Reporters asked if Mr Yeltsin had himself thought of being relieved of the responsibility of making sure they work smooth-

Chernomyrdin should work harder," the Prime Minister replied.

Most of Mr Yeltsin's Communist and nationalist opponents are maintaining a tactful by together.

"I could see in his eyes that silence, aware that they could

damage their chances in December's parliamentary elections by being seen to kick a

man when he is down.

But yesterday Yuri Skokov,
who is in alliance with the nationalist retired army general Alexander Lebed, voiced what they were all thinking. Mr Yeltsin had "failed as a president" and "exhausted his abilities in the post" but his "ego" prevented him from admitting his, Mr Skokov said.

However, support for Mr Yeltsin came from the head of the Forward Russia movement. the market reformer Boris Fy-

It was too early to write Mr Yeltsin off, he said, condemning government officials for "leaving the ship even before it has started to sink",

In the absence of detailed medical hulletins, it is difficult to assess Mr Yeltsin's true condition and future prospects. All that can be said for certain is that his illness has greatly complicated the political picture in the run-up to the elections.

The race for parliament seen as a test-run before the presidential election, was almost certainly one of the main topics of discussion between Mr Yeltsin and Mr Chernomyrdin. The Kremlin leader made clear earlier in the week that he was concerned about election officials barring a number of par-ties from taking part on technical grounds.
Yesterday the Supreme

Court ruled that the Derzhava (great power) movement of the former vice-president Alexander Rutskoi should be reinstated.

A similar verdict was widely expected in the case of the liberal Yabloko bloc.

IN BRIEF

Democracy rules SA

Jnhanneshurg — President Nelson Mandela declared South Africa a democracy "in the complete sense of the word" after a strong showing by his African National Congress in the nation's first all-race democratic local elections.Partial results showed the ANC winning control of most of the nearly 700 local and rural councils up for election.

Arms blast kills 3

Buenos Aires — At least three people were killed and 200 injured when an arms factory exploded in the Argentine town of Rio Tercero, 60 miles south of the city of Cordoba. Retter

Election wrangle

Dar es Salaam - Tanzania's High Court rejected an opposition petition to bar publication of results from last Sunday's parliamentary and presidential elections. A further hearing, on opposition demands for the suspension of repeat elections in the capital, will be heard on Monday.

Poets called to Iraq

Jerusalem — Iraq has invited a number of Israeli Arab poets to take part in a poetry festival in Baghdad beginning later this month. Kol al-Arab, an Israeli Arabic weekly, published a copy of an invitation sent by the Iraqi Minister of Culture and Information to its chief editor, the poet Samih al-Qassem. Remer

Troops kill rebels

Bujumhura — Burundian troops killed 11 suspected Hutu rebels near the capital when a group of 20 people, some armed, was ambushed as they tried to infiltrate the northern suburb of Kinama. Aid officials said up to 3,000 people had fled from their homes during the clashes this week.

Guerrillas defect

Phnom Penh - More than 300 Khmer Rouge guerrillas in north-western Cambodia have defected to join government forces, said Norodom Ranariddh, one of the country's two joint prime ministers. Four senior officers were said to be among the defectors.

Wildlife off menu

Peking - A province in south China has closed down 19 hotels and restaurants for serving up wildlife. In official raids were found - 3.220 of which are

'Punk' writer divides China's literary salons to develop with honest working

Peking — In China's literary salons of the 1930s, rival writers wrangled over the relationship between art and politics, against the backdrop of a civil war. Sixty years later, with China gripped by cut-throat commercialism, a number of the country's literati are engaged in a very public spat over "punk" the demise of "idealism" in

popular Chinese literature. Since the argument started. writers, critics and scholars have vented their fury in literary journals and newspapers. They have insulted each other's motives, ethics and writing. quoting anyone from Socrates to Confucius. They accuse each other of being either shamelessly commercial or naively

attached to outmoded ideals. But hehind the spleen and erudition is a deep-rooted disagreement over the role of literature in a fast-changing quickly been undermined by a The Too-Clever faction takes on the Not-So-Clever in a battle for a nation's soul, says **Teresa Poole**

especially among the young. Membership of the two groups cannot be categorised by age or by political colour, nor is the dehate a political campaign, as literary criticism so ent from anything that has been seen in the last 40 years", said China Focus, published by the Princeton China Initiative.

In the "pragmatist" corner is a group of writers and critics, including Wang Meng, a former Minister of Culture, and in the opposition camp is Professor

stories have proved extremely popular with China's young readers. To his detractors' annoyance, they also have been very successful commercially. Zhang Chengzhi, however,

often has been in China's past. was not impressed. He and v accused Wang Sbuo of "vulgar" writing symp-tomatic of declining moral stan-dards, and of publishing with an eye on sales figures rather than with responsibility towards society. Wang Meng criticised the critics for lack of tolerance. For some it was a matter of freedom of expression. One elder-

new individualism and cynicism, in raw local slang, Wang Shuo's Writers who are Too Clever by reforms. Such burnanists want be a sham, as was the case in the Half. He alleged that "too less emphasis on the market economy, hanker after a clear, clever" writers, such as Wang

Meng and Xiao Qian, were working within the Communist system with the aim of producing work that did well in the new market economy. Wang Meng hit back, sneering at Wang Binbin for seeking the spotlight by attacking famous writers, and at critics for misunderstanding Wang Shuo's motives.

The ideological battle gained weight this year when, in the spring, Professor Xie Mian hosted seminars at Peking University on "literature and ide-

old-fashioned value system and resent writers who ply their craft for commercial motives. Wang Meng's argument has been that China never did how can we lose it if we never gentleman, but to build a rather possessed it?" - and that, often.

such "lofty" ideals turn out to person can enjoy a fair chance

Cultural Revolution. Moral standards have not declined, Wang Meng said, unless one adopts an unrealistic

view of morality in pre-reform Communist China. "Our target is not to establish a society regulated world where every

and competition," be added. Social ills would improve as the economy continued to develop. At the heart of the argument. for many Chinese writers, is

the problem of writing within the political confines set by a hardline government. Xiao Qian, the eminent writer and translator, incurred the wrath of the opposition when he advised: more than 6,000 wild animals Try to speak truth, hut never

Nie Mian of Peking University ly writer, who was persecuted in alism" which attacked both and authors including Zhang past political campaigns, said: Wang Shuo's writing and also Chengzhi and the critic Wang We should let the young writers try their ways. If the work the Wang Meng grouping. The Binhin. The dispute was kindled semmar's protagonists argued that literature should present by the two groups' very differis justified it will last; if it is not, it will peter out. I do not agree ent reactions to a young "punk" admirable ideals and be a conwriter, Wang Shuo, whose with attacking young writers."
In late 1994, the critic Wang structive force in society: the participants subscribe to a style books are peopled by a new gen-Binbin fuelled the debate by society where old values have eration of disillusioned and of humanism, which they say is alienated Peking youth. Written publishing an article, Chinese being lost amid China's CARRERAS DOMINGO PAVAROTTI. LEVINE

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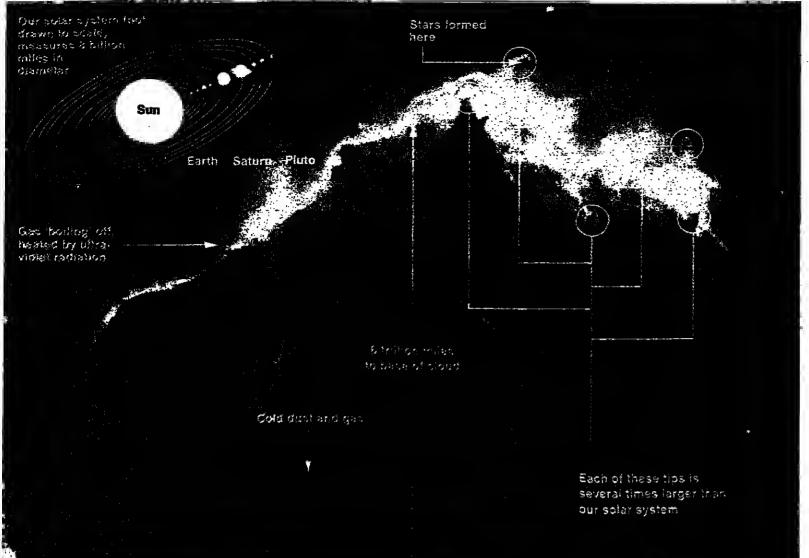
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Birth of a star: 42 million billion miles away and 7,000 years ago, the answers to cosmic mysteries are blowing in the wind



Hubble sees stars fighting to be born

TOM WILKIE Science Editor

In the constellation of Serpens, more than 42 million billion miles away, an interstellar hurricane is tearing apart a vast cloud known as the Eagle nebula. As the dust and gas dis-perse, they have revealed to the watchful eye of the Hubble space telescope the birth pangs

of newborn stars. The telescope's Wide Field and Planetary Camera has caught a striking image of vast columns of cool gas and dust reaching out from a cloud of hydrogen, like stalagmites from the floor of a cave. The gas inside the columns is dense enough to collapse under its own weight, forming young stars which continue to grow as they accumulate more material from their surroundings.

Released this week, the photographs capture events that took place 7,000 years ago, more than 1,000 years before

throne of Egypt. Although light is the fastest thing in the universe, it has taken 7,000 years to cross the void between the nebula and the earth.

But astronomers are excited by more than just the beauty of the image, for it reveals hitherto unknown factors in the process of star formation which they had thought they understood. The stars from the Eagle nebula may be stunted from malnutrition.

The "wind" blowing across the Eagle nebula is actually a torrent of ultraviolet light from nearby young hot stars, heating the gas along the surface of the columns and boiling it off into space. The ghostly streamers flowing away from the columns in the picture are flows of this "photoevaporating" gas.

Not all the gas evaporates at the same rate, and as the outer layers disperse they reveal the denser globules within which the new stars are forming.

Jeff Hester of Arizona State University, whose team took the astronomers believe that phoimages, said "It's a bit like a wind storm in the desert. As the wind blows away the lighter stars, it may inhibit the formasand, beavier rocks are uncovered. But instead of rocks, the ultraviolet light is uncovering the egg-like globules of gas that surround stars that were forming inside the gigantic gas Some of these "eggs" appear

just as tiny bumps on the surface of the column or, if they have been uncovered, more fully as fingers of gas protruding from the larger cloud.

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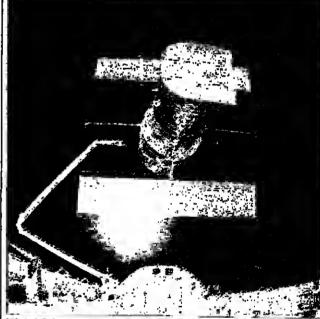
by photoevaporation," Dr Hester said. "In some ways, it seems more like archaeology than astronomy. The ultraviolet light from the nearby stars does the digging for us, and we study

what is unearthed." Eventually, the process of photoevaporation, by boiling off the gas, deprives the growing stars of the material from which they "feed". "We believe that the stars were continuing to grow as more and more gas fell onto them," Dr Hester said, but the process was cut short as the clood of gas was dispersed.

Some astronomers believe that, left to its own devices, a star will continue to grow until it nears the point where nuclear fusion begins in its interior. When this happens, the star it-self begins to blow a strong wind that clears away the residual material. The Eagle nebula is the first instance where they have seen an external wind blowing.

Sadly, however, the Hubble toevaporation may not only stunt the growth of the newborn tion of planets round such stars. It is not yet clear if these stars in the Eagle nebula have formed the discs that go on to become solar systems. According to Dr Hester, "if these discs haven't formed yet, they never

For astronomers, the Hubble space telescope's images of the Eagle nebula simply bear out that Bob Dylan was right: for the basic questions of star birth This is the first time we have and the formation of planets tally seen the process of the answer, my friends, is



Watchful eye: Expectations were dashed when Nasa realised that Hubble was out of focus Photograph: AFP

Superscope with specs lives up to the hype

The Hubble space telescope blasted off from Cape Canaver- spy satellites. But because of its military connections, the plant al in clouds of stupendous hype on 24 April 1990, writes Tom

The expectation was that this enormous satellite, the size of a double-decker bus, would reach out to see the edge of the universe and even find planets, capable of supporting life, circling other stars. Costing \$1.5bn, and orbiting 600 kilometres above the earth, it was clear of the distorting murky at-mosphere through which ground-based telescopes peer.

But these expectations were dashed when it was realised that it was out of focus. It could barely take decent pictures of the planets in our own solar system.

Subsequently, it emerged that military secreey had restricted Nasa's ability to oversee the critical work of constructing the primary lightgathering mirror. The manufacturer, Perkin-Elmer, had been given the contract because it had experience in making components for military

was off-limits to all but a few Nasa staff. In the end, the curvature of the mirror, 94.5 inches across, was wrong by about one-fiftieth of the diameter of a human hair.

On 2 December 1993, Nasa launched a rescue mission, in effect to fit the instrument with a pair of spectacles. It was com-pletely successful. Hubble was able to "see" with the precision its designers had originally in-tended and the scientific results started to flow.

Among the discoveries is the detection of primordial helium. the second lightest of all the chemical elements, created at least 13 billion years ago, close to the birth of the universe.

But some of the results have puzzled rather than clarified astronomers' understanding of the early days of the universe. Some suggest it could be half the age that had been thought eight billion years rather than the conventional value of 15 to 16 billion.



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PHIL REEVES

As he sat behind his desk, in the full uniform of a Russian maior-general, Panteleimon Giorgadze was in a remarkably combative mood for a man staring defeat in the face. He leant forward and began to tick off each point on his tingers.

"Our laws are not obeyed," he said, his voice filling the gloomy wood-panelled flea-pit that passes for his party headquarters. "We have no communications. We don't make anything. Even the hread we sell on the streets is from Turkey. How can anyone say Georgia is

At 70, General Giorgadze, a former KGB officer, has embarked on one of the least promising campaigns of his career: he is one of five candidates challenging Eduard Shevardnadze for leadership of Georgia in tomorrow's presidential and parliamentary elections.

Although his United Communist Party of Georgia has 150,000 members, he knows he has little chance. Polls show Mr Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister, is likely to be re-elected for a second term. So General Giorgadze spends his time attacking his rival's image, favoured by the

West as a political miracle-

"In Soviet times, I was paid a pension, enough to live on for a month. Now I get seven lari (£3.30) a month ... I used to Iravel to Moscow and Kiev to see my relatives. Now it would take me 27 years to earn the air fare. Yet Shevardnadze says everything's wonderful. Why do people like him?

Rhetoric it may be, but he has a point. The nearly three years ihai have etapsed since Žviad Gamsakhurdia, Georgia's first post-Soviet leader, was expelled in the coup which ushered in Mr Shevardnadze have heen nirhulent and bloody. Georgia has lost control of Abkhazia to ethnic separatists: living standards are dismal; the economy is in a shambles. Yet Mr Shevardnadze's star continues to shine.

His popularity grew after he was nearly killed by a bomb in August. The government blamed his former head of security — General Giorgadze's son - for the attack, aided by reactionaries in the Russian security forces. Whether true or not, Mr Shevardnadze seized the opportunity to hurl 250 people in jail, including members of the Mkhedrioni (Horsemen), a militia which he initially used to secure power, but which quickly ran out of control.



Stifled protest: An anti-government demonstrator in Tbilisi is restrained by a masked security man

Georgians frequently say they have little choice in their leader. Mr Shevardnadze's closest election rival is Jumber Patiashvili, head of the Georgian Communist Party in Soviet times. His demands for slower market reform and controlled

privatisation have gone down well, and could force tomorrow's election to a run-off.

But he lacks Mr Shevardnadze's international stature. This week a delegation from the White House, the US State Department and the Pentagon

swept into Tbilisi to support the Georgian leader. The US is keenly aware of the strategic importance of Georgia as a huffer against Russia's future expansion and as a route for the rich oil resources of Azerbaijan.

Mr Shevardnadze also has

the simple advantage of power. Last winter there was so little electricity in Tbilisi that people hurnt furniture. Now the power is on longer, although still never all day. In a more calculated move, Mr Shevardnadze has announced a hig pay rise for



government employees, a winning gambit in a country where many get less than \$10 a month. And although candidates

have enjoyed equal time on state television, his craggy fea-tures dominate the news bulletins. For the most part, the campaign has appeared clean so far, although there have been a handful of disturbing meidents, suggesting the Georgian security forces have yet to be weaned off all their KGB-style habits. Attempts to hold rallies by supporters of Mr Gamsakhurdia (who committed suimysterious in circumstances last year) have

been stamped out by the police. The security services also have reportedly seized their literature, which called for an election boycott. For the poll to be valid, turnout must exceed 50 per cent, or there will be a rerun. This may explain rumours of official

threats that anyone who fails to vote will he jailed. General Giorgadze, who will have seen plenty of skulduggery in his KGB years, is suitably outraged. He claims to have received death-threats and says that he is being followed around by thugs in cars.

That's why I wear this uniform. I want them to know who it is, if they shoot me," General Giorgadze said. But this Mr Shevardnadze, he added, why does everyone in the West think

Polish election down to clash of old enemies

ADRIAN BRIDGE Warsaw

The 13 candidates in tomorrow's Polish presidential election closed their campaigns yesterday as a poll confirmed it had come down to a two-man race. The poll. in Rzeczpospolita newspaper, said Aleksander Kwasniewski, the former Communist leader of the Democratic Left Alliance (SLD), looked set to clinch 32 per cent of the vote, followed by President Lech Walesa on 29 per cent. None of the other hopefuls.



Walesa: Political fortunes have been resurrected

including Jacek Kuron, the veteran dissident, and Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, head of the central bank, looked likely to secure more than 10 per cent. As all but the first two can-

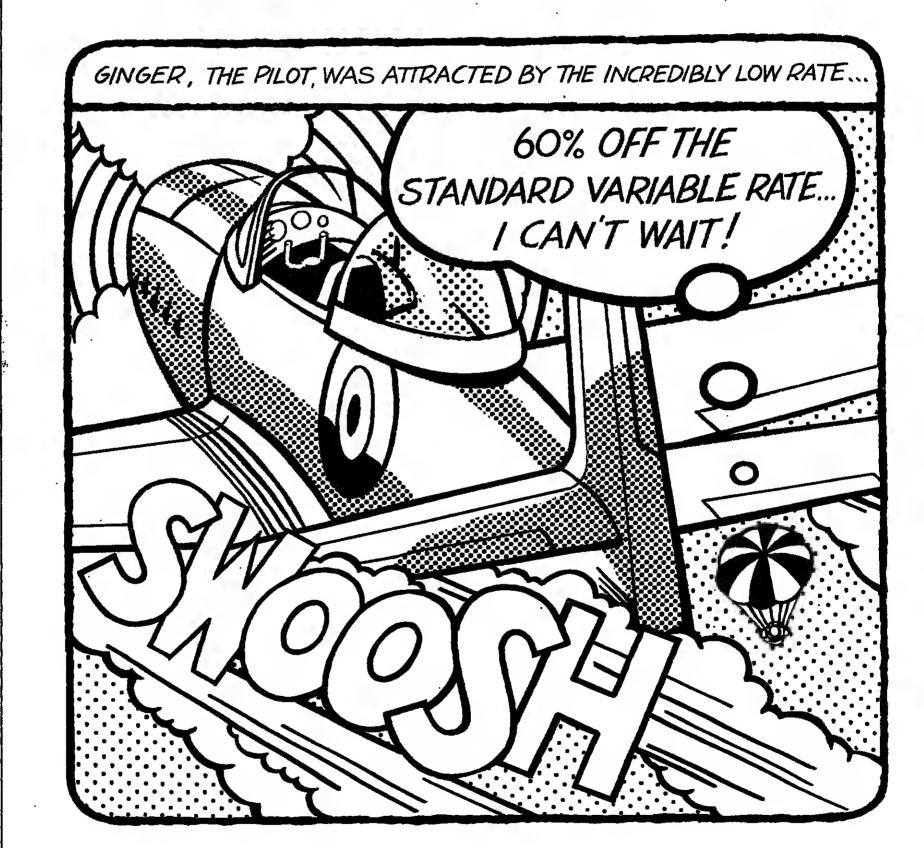
didates will be eliminated after tomorrow's vote, the second round on 19 November looks set to be a confrontation between Mr Kwasniewski and his old adversary. Mr Walesa.

For many voters, the campaign has come down to a choice between the heirs of the old Communist regime in the form of Mr Kwasniews-- and those of the Solidarity movement that toppled it, embodied by Mr Walesa, the union's founder and former leader. The perceived clash between the two traditions and ideologies has taken precedence over serious discussion ahout key issues facing the country, such as how to proceed with economic reform and how to define the role of the Catholic Church.

For Mr Walesa, who was trailing Mrs Gronkiewicz-Waltz and Mr Kuron in polls earlier this year, the reduction of the campaign to a recurrof the battles of the 1980s has resurrected his political f**ortunes**.

For Mr Kwasniewski, whose party dominates the ruling coalition, it could be fatal. Though he is seen as more educated, able and professional than his rival, most people believe his being a minister in the last Communist administration will weigh more heavily with voters than all his protestations of being a genuinely reformed social democrat.

In his first five-year term; Mr Walesa's abrasive style alienat-ed him from most of his former Solidarity allies, including Mr Kuron, who, despite impeccable dissident credentials, has had a disappointing campaign. He described the likely showdown hetween Mr Walesa and Mr Kwasniewski as "one hell of an alternative" and urged voters not to let it come down to a choice of the "lesser of two evils". But if it does, Mr Walesa, for all his faults, is still seen as the man best able to prevent too much power returning to the ex-Communists. As many in Warsaw are saying, it could well be a case of bester the devil you know.



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Manila (Reuter) — Super-ty-phoon Angela, the most pow-erful storm to hit the Philippines for years, yesterday killed of people, had 200,000 fleeing their homes and left millions without power.

This is the worst beating we have had," the Catanduanes governor, Severo Alcantara, said before communications with the island were severed, apart from bam radio links. Catanduanes, 220 miles east of Manila, was the first to feel

Angela's fury. Up to 500 miles in diameter and with winds gusting up to 155mph, Angela then scythed across Luzon, the most heavily populated island in the Philippines, a nation of 65 million people.

Initial estimates put damage to property and crops at more than 1.2 bn pesos (£30m). President Fidel Ramos, tak-

ing personal charge of relief efforts in Manila, said: "Saving lives and reducing damage is the main event at this particular time." The normally congested capital turned into a ghost town as its 8.5 million people cowered indoors.





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Argentina sends Nazi to stand trial in Italy

PHIL DAVISON Latin America Correspondent

Erich Priebke lived for almost half a century as a respected hotelier in the Andean ski re-sort of San Carlos de Bariloche, welcoming American tourists with his German-accented Spanish and going to Mass on Sundays. He travelled regularly, including to Ger-many and Italy, using a passport in his own name renewed several times by the West German embassy in Buenos Aires.

His fellow Germans in the local community, some Argentinians and even a few local Jews knew he had been a Nazi SS officer, but he was by no means the only one in Argentina. They even got together in Bariloche to celebrate Hitler's hirthday.

When a team from the US television station ABC tracked him down in 1993, he had no qualms about admitting that as a 31-year-old SS captain in the Nazi occupation force, he had taken part in the massacre of 335 Italian men and boys, including more than 70 Jews, in the Ardeatine caves outside Rome on 24 March 1944. After all, it was a long time ago, he was "small fry" and was only fol-lowing orders, he said,

The US broadcast, however, outraged Jews and led to his house arrest in May last year in the resort more than 1,000 miles south-west of Buenos Aires, where locals described him as a good neighbour and a pillar of the community. After a series of court rulings and appeals, Argentina's Supreme Court on Thursday ordered his extradition to Italy to stand trial for crimes against humanity. It could be the most emotional war crimes trial in decades; elderly Italians still remember the day their relatives were rounded up and led away to the caves.

A group of Italian resistance fighters had blown up a German army lorry on the night of 23 March 1944, killing 33 soldiers. Adhering to Hitler's ruling on reprisals, Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Kappler and Captain Italian men or boys for every German soldier killed. By the time they reached 330, they were not sure of their count. So they added five more to be on the safe side, according to historical accounts.

In interviews since, and in a book, Priebke admitted killing at least one of the victims himself as an incentive to his men. Kneeling in the damp caves, with their hands bound behind their backs, each was killed with a single shot to the neck.

We wanted to oppose it but we had to ohey or we would join the list of those who were shot," Priebke said during his house arrest. "It was horrendous. We couldn't understand how a German could do something like that, but Kappler was inflexible."

Kappler was convicted after the war and spent more than 30 years in Italian prisons until he escaped from a military hospital in 1977, fled to Austria and

died there.
The Priebke case had shone an unwelcome spotlight on Argentina as something of a retirement home for former Nazis, initially aided by the then dictator Juan Domingo



Priebke: Admits his part in sacre of 335 in Rome

Peron, in a lucrative trade in false visas and identity documents, and later protected by Argentine military officers. The infamous "Angel of Death", Joseph Mengele, lived for more than a decade in Argentina. So did Adolf Eichmann, architect of the "Final Solution", until Israeli commandos kidnapped him in 1960 and smuggled him to Israel, where he was tried, convicted and hanged.

Priebke himself confirmed what many historians had writternational Red Cross were key links in a chain that helped ex-Nazis flee and settle in South America. After he escaped from a British prison camp at Rimini in Italy in 1948, the Red Cross had provided him, his wife and two children with passports, he said.

Priebke is expected to be sent to Italy within a few weeks.

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"Because of the verdiet."
"What's a verdier?" asked one of the girls. Everyone ignored ber. Everyone else knew. The verdict was the life sentence passed earlier in the week on Badrul Miah, a 20-year-old Asian found guilty of the murder of Richard Everitt, a 15-year-old white youth. Everitt was killed with a single stah wound in an attack by a gang of Asian youths in the Somers Town area between Euston and King's Cross stations in north London in August 1994. Miah, the court decided, had not wielded the knife but was one of the ringleaders. Everitt's blood was found on his shoes.

Miah is to appeal.
"It's our club," said one of the girls. 'You can't keep us out."

"The management committee has decided to close it." the youth leader said. We don't want any trouble." "So you think it's safer for us on the

"You could go home."
"Why should we? They're our streets." The girls were lippy, disgrunded. Their language was aggressive and acquisitive. They spoke of rights, not of responsibilities.

Some time later, I met them wandering the street on the borderline between the white and Bengali areas. The two communities live cheek by jowl in this dense inner-city area, but maintain their separateness by attending, in the main, different schools and separate youth clubs. Were there any Bengalis in their club?

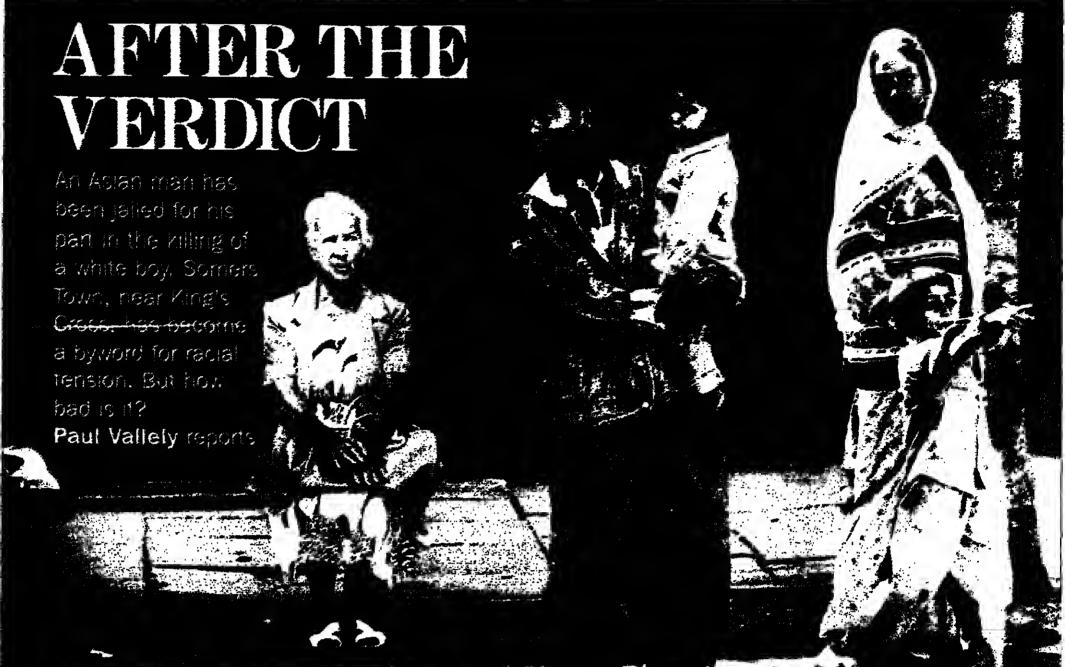
"No chance. We have whites and blacks. But no Asians," None at all? "We did have three, a while back. They live in that block there," one said, pointing to one of the Regent's Park Estate towers. "But they

don't come now."
What were they like? "They were all right. Some of the boys used to talk to them. But they don't come now."

They began to talk about what had changed, of the rising racial tensions in the area. Very studiedly, they talked of Asians and Indians. "Pakis" slipped out only once, though it was clearly on the tip of their tongues throughout. "One white boy was badly beaten up by eight of them last night in Drummond Street." No matter that the logbook of the police - who are currently watching the area like hawks - records no such incident. Myths become realities by repetition.

In any case, the realities are had enough. There were 136 "racial incidents" recorded by the police in the area last year. This year, there have been 362 in the first 10 months. There has been a real rise in tension both before, and most especially – once the months of earle stillness passed - after, Richard Everitt's death. Almost half of the incidents in the Somers Town and Regent's Park wards involve confrontations between groups of youths, a dozen or so of which have resulted in broken bones or wounds.

"Don't get the wrong idea. It's not West Side Story, insisted the local police com-mander. Chief Superintendent Linda Newham, who eschews the word "gangs" and talks of "groups of youths". In part, the increase in incidents reflects an increase in reporting - because of the heightened sensitivity among the two communities and because police have appointed a "rucial incidents officer" who logs under this heading everything from



Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid

serious assaults to racist insults shouted across the street.

While the white girls sulked and postured in Stanhope Street, groups of Bengali youths gathered and struck poses at their regular meeting place near St James's Gardens. "The verdict stinks,"

said one. "It is impossible for an Asian to get n fair trial in this country."
"Our parents have taken everything lying down for years," said another, "but we were born here and we won't put up with that. We will fight back."

But most of the community takes a more sanguine view. "These are bad hoys," said one middle-aged Asian as he left the Shah Jalal Masjid E Noor mosque SIATCTOSS SUCCE AILET EVE "But they will grow up."

Anxiety rather than alarm is what characterises the mood among both communities. "The problems are those of almost any inner city," said Barbara Hughes, a former borough councillor and currently a governor of two local schools. Aged 64, she has lived in the area all her life. Sbc spoke of a familiar cocktail of poverty. poor housing and unemployment - 40 per cent among the area's males, and higher among Bengalis than whites. Her fear was more of the drug dealers who have twice tried to move into the area than of large-scale racial gang warfare. "Local people keen asking where are all the gangs they keep reading about in the newspapers.

The truth is that it is no worse than when I was a child, when the Kentish Town boys used to go out looking for a scrap with the Holborn hoys," Certainly, it is possible to walk through

the streets of Somers Town - during the day, early evening and even late at night without feeling any sense of menace. As everywhere in the inner city, there is graffiti and the shop fronts are protected at night by grids or shutters. But there are elegant Georgian houses amid the low-rise blocks of flats. And if the cheap hills of fare in the pubs reveals that the local people are on low incomes, the houses look well cared for and the streets are clean. There are far more notices advertising the AGM of the Somers town Area Com mittee than there are posters by the Socialist Workers Party (the extreme right has also made few inroads, despite several atlempts, local people relate).

Nor does South Camden Community School, which Richard Everitt attended, look run down. The place was this week the subject of attention by the Sun, which had bought up the rights to interview the murdered boy's parents for, local reports had it, a mere £5,000. (No Wapping kissand-tell-sized payments needed here. The couple have since moved away and now live in Essex). According to the newspa-per's caricature, this is "the most violent school in Britain ... a hotbed of extremism ... [where] race hatred was allowed to boil over". Police vans are stationed outside every afternoon, it claimed, in a report replete with quotes from the headmaster, Huw Salisbury.

bere were none there this week when I visited. The head, who in passing revealed that he never spoke to anyone from the Sim, paints rather a different picture, as do members of its governing board and parents. The school has 730 children - 56 per cent arc Bengali, 18 per cent African (mainly from Somalia and Eritrea) and 14 per cent white. Its pupils have 30 different mother tongues. "Over the past two years, the situation has ebbed and flowed but there bave been eriods of caimness bury. "If there is tension within the community, it is reflected within the school. By and large, the school is effective at dissipating those tensions."

Earlier this year there were a number of incidents in which half a dozen white racists, who had been expelled or suspended from other schools in the borough, began to hang around the school in the hope of causing trouble. The head informed the police, who increased regu-

"It's not a violent school," said Mr Salisbury. "As in any inner-city school, there can be confrontations among pupils, but it is fisticuffs rather than violence." The incident complained of by Richard Everitt's parents in the Sun (in which a knife was "jahbed" at the boy in the school canteen) was "one incident blown out of proportion".

The school is only one of a number of organisations engaged in the long, slow process of trying to build a sense of community from the area's disparate groups. It is a task that is not new to Somers Town. Ever since it was built as a garden suburb in the 1790s and became populated by painters and writers, it has been a bome to refugees from foreign oppression -Huguenot, Spanish, Hungarian and Polish - and later immigrants from Ireland who built the railway termini and yards. In the 1920s, it underwent a remarkable ame of social renewal tha nks to et Basil Jellicoe, whn founded the St Pancras Housing Association which, together with the local council, still owns most of the ten-

ement flats and houses. The attempt to build a contemporary sense of community is centred on the Somers Town Area Partnership. Tenants' groups, voluntary organisations, religious elders, community groups, the police and

the council now work together. Since the death of Richard Everitt, there has been an increased commitment to the process," said Sandra Machado, programme co-ordinator of the Hopscotch Bengali Women's Centre, which leaches English, maths and computer skills to Bengali women each day. "We are trying to increase

awareness of each community in the other. We are bringing people together for certain activities. We will be holding joint parties at Christmas and at Eid.

"That might sound insignificant - having parties and teaching women to speak English - hut we are trying to develop a sense of belonging which comes, not just from living somewhere, but by feeling engaged. Enabling a woman to be able to say hello to her neighbour is a first step."

There is no false optimism in all this.

Nurul Islam, chair of the Bengali Workers Action Group which runs the Surmur Community Centre for Asians just down the road from the Samuel Lithgow cluh speaks of the real problems ahead. "The Bengan commun was snocked by the murder of Richard Everitt and all agreed that the culprit should be punished. But people are also shocked by the verdict they feel it is unfair that he got life," be

They compare it with the lighter sentences on white youths convicted of seri-ous assaults and the attempted murder of Bengalis. "But we respect the law and will work with it and in organisations like the Somers Town Area Partnership to build bridges in the community and build respect for each other's religion and culture. In the end, I am optimistic that we will succeed."

The alternative, he and all the others know, is too unpleasant to contemplate.

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Jo Brand's week

The Hackney Empire in London, one of my favourite venues, always throws up a few surprises. I have already run over two punters on the way to a show there and on Sunday night there was more excitement in store. After the show Incre and on Sunday right incre was more exchanged in store. After the show I called a taxi to take me south of the river with a friend. A very cheery driver turned up and chatted away until, at some red traffic lights, we were shunted by turned up and chauco away in the driver exited to discuss the damage with the the car behind. Our slightly irate driver exited to discuss the damage with the the car behind. Our bloke asked the driver of the other car to pull in to the side of the road. As he got back in, our driver began muttering ominously: "He's going to do a runner." Sure enough the car behind swerved out to the side of us and set off at high speed into the bowels of Hackney.

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"Oh well." I thought, "that's that, then." But our driver was made of sterner stuff and set off in hot pursuit, dodging in and out of traffic and jumping red stuff and set off in hot pursuit, dodging in and out of traffic and jumping red lights, while simultaneously trying to radio base and prepare pen and paper to lights. ngms. while annual transfer is registration number. Meanwhile we scaredy-cats in write down the escapee's registration number. write down increasely trying to fasten our seat-belts just in case we met a lamp post at higher speed than we wanted to.

amp post at nigher speed that round the back streets we finally lost our prey, Following a hair-raising chase round the back streets we finally lost our prey, as he managed to squeeze between a bus and a wall, the hus very helpfully then as ne manageu to squeeze to squeeze the same as the most fun I've had for a bit, but I blocking our attempt to follow. It was the most fun I've had for a bit, but I thought the forty seven quid fare was a bit steep.

The tour marches ever onwards, taking in Halifex, where a rather weak joke I made about lack of water was not happily received, to Reading, where a brief perusal of the local papers revealed that a local bigwig was in trouble for calling a local gay and lesbian group "a bunch of queers" Obviously a popular theme in Reading, as a member of the audience directed a stream of homophobic invective towards Richard, the other act. Ironically, he's not even gay, but I suppose getting your facts right never bothers these sort of people.

The Big Breakfast is not an easy show to take part in because at that time of the morning I am all but blinded by the bright colours and depressed by how alert everyone else is. My Dad Just about summed it up when he left a message on my answerphone expressing surprise that contrary to vampire etiquette, I had been spotted in the daylight hours. He was sure the whole thing must have been prerecorded as he felt convinced that not even a nuclear blast would eject me from my bed at that time of day.

Nice to see conservative housewives have got it together to bave a world congress, throwing the iam-making and talks in the village hall about hats on one side for a week to travel to Buenos Aires.

This is apparently an attempt to make their point on a world scene they say is dominated by men and feminists. Well correct me if I'm wrong, but I never thought feminism and bringing up a family were mutually exclusive in the way that some silly old herberts suggest. The housewives might do better trying to have a chat with this group, "the feminists", rather than getting themselves into a position of antagonism with them. Remember. ladies, this is just where the men want us. Incidentally, in an article in the papers this week about where all the feminists have gone, the journalist called for a non-Caucasian thin Jo Brand. No chance. Well, not on the thin front, anyway.

A piece of research carried out recently confirmed a speaking suspicion I'd had for some time - that the Tories would probably have lost



The Rose West trial is splashed over all the papers again this week, giving us all the nasty details of what is said in court. I've stopped reading it because it's all too horrible to think about. So, it's really nice to be able to escape into the world of entertainment with Cracker and see a set of women being mutilated and murdered. Cheers you up, doesn't it?

the 1992 election had Sun readers read the Daily Mirror instead. Sun readers swung 8 per cent to Conservative in the three months before the election while Mirror readers stayed static. Given that Tone and Rupert seem to be good buddies these days, perhaps we will see Sun readers staying where they are at the next election. Still, reassuring in some ways to know that Sun readers aren't just looking at the pictures. Not so reassuring to know that, as a publicity stunt, some silly parents allowed their three-year-old daughter to be editor of the Sun for a week. Wonder what she thought of the chest on Page Three? Even with an IQ in the 150s, not a great introduction to journalism for a little girl. Still, she's probably got a



The one what won it



I'm always accused of talking about periods all the time, despite the fact that over the years my act has only contained about a minute and a half on the subject, out of three or four hours. To reassure people, let me just mention an incident which involves the aforementioned hormonal state. Working as a compere at the Comedy Store recently I was caught short and was in desperate need of (how do the ads put it?) sanitary protection. As per usual, there were all men on the bill, but a new comic who was doing a tryout spot offered to nip out to the

shops for me. (Harrah for new men.) Returning with the spoils, be said that be had thought for a split second that this might have been some horrible Comedy Store initiation ritual and while be was gone I was having a laugh at his expense. Can I just point out that, on the whole, I don't think women are quite that cruel.



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Parliament enters the moral maze and cannot see a way out

This week a group of Tory MPs has flocked to a dear old barricade against that implacable enemy - the permissive society. In the name of the family, they killed Lord Mackay's domestic violence Bill and took aim at his divorce reforms. Meanwhile, with equal vigour, they fought off attempts to clean up their own act. To most Tories, Lord Nolan's demand that they register all income derived from their positions as MPs is as unpalatable as orange juice at a parliamentary cocktail party. Next week, they are pledged to throw it out of the Commons.

It is doubtful whether the public is much impressed by our legislators public ruminations about issues like marriage and divorce. Why should the intervention of these largely middle-aged, mostly male, not infrequently divorced politicians working long hours in an antiquated atmosphere carry great weight in the ordering of our personal lives? Most people wanting to hear something sensible about relationships would be

hetter off with an agony aunt.
Nevertheless, it is plain that we are lodged in a serious phase of parliamentary moral breastheating. This is partly caused by the intensifying conflict between the parties as the election approaches. Mr Blair sees commitment to solid, old-fashioned family values as a way of promis-ing voters a reprieve from the insecurities of the age and, more pragmatically, as a means of secur-ing his hold on the centre ground of politics. The Conservatives' desperation to resist this incursion tempts them, not for the first time, towards a rightward drift, challenging Mr Blair to wander further into the woods of social conservatism. Per-



haps, just perhaps, he will get lost there and be knocked on the head by a mugger or out-of-work squeegee merchant.

There are also more underlying causes for this anti-liberal swing. Many people genuinely regret the demise of old moral certainties that have disappeared with the waning power of the churches, political leaders, teachers and other traditional authorities. The choices many of us make in life are all too often accompanied by trauma, emotion and guilt. Right-wing Tory MPs sense that a burst of fundamentalism stands a chance of making us all feel better. It is little wonder that a number of Conservatives have been drawn into the Roman Catholic church, which has made so few concessions to liberalism.

But most of us also know that this is essentially nostalgia for a golden age. We may regret that our hrother or sister or mother or father or best friend is divorced, we may have acute concerns for the children and be anxious to provide support, but we do not any longer think we can change the way things are. The forces that have hroken down the old patterns are more powerful than that and it is political self-delusion to think that they are really much to do with the workings of the welfare state.

The high divorce rate is in reality impervious to the hectoring of politicians. Nor is it likely to fall if marriage attracts, as some advocate, extra tax advantages. Divorce involves great losses in terms of income, friends, children and homes. But once a marriage has failed those involved, especially the women, still press ahead with separation whatever the cost.

From Mr Dean Rivando

Sir: Canadians who choose

exile (Section Two; "Dear

Canadians", 1 November) fall

into two main categories: those

who seek fame and fortune

(mainly to the US) and those

who seek a richer cultural life

narrow, anachronistic national-ism (with an underlying current

of racism if Jacques Parizeau's

comments after losing the "Yes"

vote reflect his supporters'

views) is extremely unappealing.

The irony for me is that Britain is becoming the Quebec

of Europe, retrenching behind

a nostalgic nationalism for an

The fracture caused by the

Quebec referendum between

English and French, and within

Quedec society ((sett., is so gr

that Canadians and Quebeck-

ers will not be able to wait

another 15 years for this mat-

Let's hope that the British

Government's attitude to Eur-

ope, particularly in view of the

upcoming Intergovernmental

Conference, does not set Britain

on the same road to political tur-

moil and economic decline.

cra that never was.

ter to be resolved.

Yours faithfully,

DEAN RIVANDO

London, N15

1 November

This freedom of choice does not, as some Tory MPs might argue, mean that we have become an amoral society. Quite the opposite. This is a highly moral age. Multiplicity of choice can make us pragmatic, expedient and selfish. But it also forces us to generate and frame our own moral codes, instead of, as in the past, passively adopting a set of principles handed down from above. Do we really think that we or those around us are less sensitive today than we were one or two decades ago about the conduct of personal relationships, violence, honesty, discrimination, not to mention the new moral complexities that arise from advances

in genetics and other medical technologies? There are many sources for the pick'n'mix morality we all use to tackle these questions. The churches used to be like giant conglomerates sup-plying everything needed. But today a different array of voices challenges us. Pressure groups and charities make their arguments about pollution, animal welfare and poverty in the Third World. Feminism has redrawn the force-field around relations between men and women. Soap operas, kilroy, Richard and Judy, Oprah all confront viewers with tricky issues. It may be more difficult to know what you think, but there is plenty of thinking going on. The biggest danger is that it all comes to seem so complex that the individual feels powerless to make a difference. That should be a prime point of entry for the politicians, but it

won't happen if the politicians we encounter are not describing the world as we know it to be. Greater individualism has not produced anarchy, just complexity and a great deal of personal agonising. It is compatible with a well-function-

ing mass society, just as the millions of different preferences expressed by consumerism are consistent with a modern, efficient economy. Despite the development of individualised morality, there remains eoough of a common culture to keep society functioning. We no more need Parliament to make us stay married than we need it to run

a command economy.

So what is the role of politics in the realm of morality? This week, right-wing Tory MPs seemed to to be bidding for territory vacated by seemed to the church the churches, includthe hishops. Even though the churches, including the Roman Catholics, had endorsed Lord Mackay's divorce reforms, they took it upon themselves to lay waste his proposals. This is not helpful. Politicians need to show some humility on matters of personal morality. They should remember why John Major's "back to basics" campaign foundered in the most garish tabloid newspaper headlines.

They should also think very hard before they say no to Nolan. A long series of incidents has convinced many voters that Britain's legislators are unprincipled and open to corruption. A very large amount of this is unfair but it has to be faced: these days ministers are trusted even less than journalists. Lord Nolan recommended than the sources of MPs' incomes should be made transparent. His purpose was to restore their credibility and prove that members of parliament have nothing to hide. Even those MPs who do not like the rules in detail should recognise that Nolan has offered them a stepping-stone back to the kind of firm ground politics needs if it is to be healthy, vigorous and relevant.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

From Mr Chris Oakley and

Sir: The Government's Broadcasting Bill will be published this month. We fear that the Bill is to be hased on an out-moded view of the regional newspaper industry. It will block the industry's natural development into regionally based media companies by preventing regional and local newspapers from owning radio and television stations within their circulation areas.

Few, if any, regions are now served by only one newspaper and one broadcaster. The allegation that local newspapers are regional monopolists is simply not supported by the evidence. We are in increasing competition for readers and advertisers with national newspapers, magazines and other print media, with the BBC and commercial broadcasters, with cable, with direct mail and the new electronic media.

The Bill is likely to allow ou competitors, including national newspapers, whose sales might outnumber our own in a particular licence area, to buy a local radio or television station, which we would be prevented from owning. This would The Newspaper Society undermine regional newspa-London, WCI undermine regional newspapers, which would be harred 2 November

The struggles

of signing on

From Mr L. A. Channon

Sir: Colin Camphell (letter, 28

October) does not tell the

Fifties. I well remember being

of queueing was common.

sent for a joh interview hefore

After registration at the

ordeal of the National Assis-

probably three hours for an

benefit, you went home.

interview, followed by another

whole story about what it used

from competition, ultimately resulting in the loss of the comprehensive regional editorial and commercial services that they have traditionally provided for their local communities. The regional plurality that the Government is concerned to preserve will uttimately be

We hope that the Government will revise its proposals in order to maintain a level playing-field to enable our companies to compete fairly, within local markets, with all other media, including national news-papers. The Government's Broadcasting Bill must not har unfairly the regional newspaper company from being part of the new information age.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS OAKLEY (Group Chief Executive, Midland Independent Newspapers plc); FREDOY JOHNSTON (Chairman Johnston Press plc, Edinhurgh); ROBIN BURGESS (Managing Director. CN Group, Carlisle); PHILTP GRAF (Chief Executive, Trinity International Holdings plc. Chester); RAY TINOLE (Chairman, Tindle Newspapers Ltd. Farnham)

Regional press threatened | Aftermath of the Quebec referendum

From Ms Linda N. Wallan Sir: In the aftermath of the referendum in Quebec, and as a federalist, I agree with Conrad Black that, while I would certainly deplore the hreakup of my country, nevertheless some

Not least would be the abandonment of the ridiculous law that says everything must be hilingual - except in Quebec where everything must be in French only. As French-speak-ing Quebeckers constitute less than 25 per cent of the total population, this lack of fair play against the majority is one of the major grievances that I hear from friends all over Canada.

Although Quebec separatists demand the right to their own sovereignty (while keeping the convenience of the Canadian dollar and passport), they appear to have given no thought to the pain that this would cause to the other 75 per pulation, cially the Maritimes. This makes Jean Chrétien's promise of yet more concessions, including a constitutional veto, even more galling. Perhaps instead of concessions, the rest of Canada should let Quebec go, on condition that it relinquishes a corridor within its territory south of the St Lawrence River to allow Canada to remain a

one man who lived eight miles contiguous country. from the NAB being told to sell Yours faithfully, LINDA N. WALLAN

From Mr W. H. Renwick Sir: My daughter rang me from Montreal last night to say that she feels like an "unwanted

hand are thinking of moving. I know how she feels. Her great-great-great grand-father was the first settler on a good things might come of it. farm not 30 miles from Montreal. Her great-great-great grandfather ran a sawmill in the local village and then became editor of a newspaper in Mon-treal. Her father lived for 67 of his 68 years in Montreal.

intruder" and she and her hus-

None of this matters; the policy of the governments of the Province of Quebec over the last few decades has been the ethnic cleansing (and I use the expression deliberately) of those whose mother tongue is English. A million or so have been driven out of the province. It is a tragedy unparalleled in Canadian history (excepting, of course, the history of the

It is illegal to put up a sign in any language except French. Any immigrant who speaks English is forbidden to send his/her children to an English school. And there is much more. My daughter's hushand

shares her bewilderment at the hatred generated by the politicians. The curious thing is his family first arrived in 1680. He is French Canadian.

Yours truly. W. H. RENWICK Kent

Closure was wrong option

Sir: Further to your leading article "Orphans of a dead school" (1 November), I would like to take issue with your statement that Hackney Downs School should have been closed (mainly to the UK).

Although I fall into the latter category as much by accident as choice (I fell in love with a British girl), the idea of returning to a Canada fractured by a several years ago. The Liberal Democrats in this horough have consistently opposed the closure of Hackney Downs School for three main reasons.

First, we objected to the fact that during the original consultation process, the only option offered was closure. Second, it was dishonest for the Local Education Authority to give falling school rolls as a reason for closure when it was they who decided not to allow a year-seven entry in 1994. And third, there is overwhelming support from parents, pupils. teachers and the community for Hackney Downs School to

While Hackney Downs School had problems, these were being tackled; the Ofsted inspection in March of this year showed that the school was achieving the action plan agreed with the Department for

Education. Hackney Downs is not the only school in Hackney to have problems or to have received a bad Ofsted report. I cannot believe the only solution is to close every school that gets a bad Ofsted report, and to encourage even more children to go to schools outside the borough - more than 30 per cent

currently do so. It is outrageous that the school has been closed against the wishes of parents, teachers, governors, the community and the children themselves. Gillian Shephard should stop playing politics with the future of our ehildren.

Yours, KEVIN DAWS Leader of the Opposition (Lih Dem) London Borough of Hackney London, EC1 I November

When blood flowed freely

From Mr L. Vallet Sir: In view of the recent correspondence on charges for blood and blood products, it may be of interest to recall that, before the Eighties, cash transactions were not normally associated with their use in the UK...

Collection, testing, processing and distribution costs were funded regionally or centrally within the NHS. An exception was made when blood products were sent overseas to meet special needs through the then Frown Agents or other responsible organisations to whom a nominal service charge was made. This did not apply to blood products sent for disas-

In those days, when the prospect of a surplus of Factor VIII was scarcely imaginable, the potentially contentious questions of charges and profit that may compromise the prin-ciple and distinguished record of votuntary donation of blood did not arise.

Yours sincerely, L. Vallet Fishguard, Pembrokeshire The writer was Deputy Director of the Blood Products Laboru-10ry from 1961 to 1986.

AARONOVITCH

Gale's

Like, I suspect, many readers, get heartily sick sometimes of the "anything goes" mentality of the assorted liberals and lefties who write for this newspaper. So excuse me if I cannot join in the whining and hand-wringing that has accom-panied this week's victory for pro-family forces. Journalist Bill Oddie of the Daily Mail and his parliamentary team (the Goodie-goodies?) have wrought wonders in stopping the Family Something and Whatsits Bill, which I'm told would have destroyed the essential and natural distinction between violence committed by proper hu bands and that by mere live-in

It is little short of miraculous that a small band of doughty fighters should have been able to derail one piece of legislation - and now stand poised to do the same for the infamous Divorce Bill of Lord Mackay of Clashfern (a Scots Presbyterian who probably does not quite comprehend the importance that we strait-laced English folk attach to the institution of marriage). They deserve our thanks and - for a few short moments

 our attention. Of Lady Olga Maitland, doting wife of Lord Olga Maitland, I have already written. Nothing that this estimable MP could do would ever surprise me. So it is time to swing the spotlight of fame on to her brave colleague Roger Gale. Mr Gale is parliamentary neighbour to Jonathan Aitken - and thus the MP from another Thanet.

What puzzles the cynics of the anti-family press is how Mr Gale manages to he so vociferous in his condemnation of easy divorce - and yet is on to the third Mrs Gale, without ever having experienced the sadness of widowerhood. Wendy came in 1964 and departed just three years later. Susan walked the aisle in 1971, hut lasted only until 1980. Another Susan took her place shortly afterwards. So (sneer

being completely hypocritical? Even I, as a well-adjusted and normal heterosexual man,

gests a certain breezy sexual self-confidence.

Now I have not spoken to Mr Gale about the Divorce Bill. but I am prepared to venture some guesses as to why this honourable multiple discreee is himself so opposed to liberalising divorce. Firstly, it is possible that he knows that easier divorce would mean more divorce. Had such laws been available earlier, he may have ruminated, might he not have found himself married a disas-

trous eight or nine times? Second, Mr Gale is chairman of the all-party animal welfare group and has campaigned for reprieves for Dempsey the Dog and Otis the 'Ound. He cares about dumh beasis and understands, I'm sure, all too well the psychological trauma that can be caused to them by familial breakdown. He has, if you like, heard the howling in the night.

But if you ask me to plump for one all-important psychological factor in his rejection of the permissive legacy of the Sixties, it is I call the shock of self-recognition". Permit me to illustrate. This week, the Independent Television Commission reported on its survey into attitudes towards nudity in advertising. Many people were now prepared to accept that shower gels could appropriately he advertised by naked actors in showers, provided that they were nut soaping themselves suggestively. They could also accept a late showing for a Darcyesque chap up to his waist in pond water wearing only underpants (an Australian brand. appropriately called "Dim" -proof positive that most ads are aimed at women).

But what they could not cope with was the merest glimpse of male buttocks. Overwhelmingly, older men led this rejection. Every second's exposure, said the report, fuelled fear of an imminent parting of the lobes and a sudden sighting of that which lies between and behind. They were feeling the shock of the feminists) is Roger not self-recognition - of undesirable exposure of their nethermost regions. And what more natural and normal heterosexual man, than that an intelligent and can see how attractive Roger sensitive man like Mr Gale Gale must be for many should feel it too? I bet he women. His very name sug- doesn't wear Dim underpants.

QUOTE UNQUOTE

The attitude which has encouraged newspapers and politicians to cry outrage every time lottery money is awarded to arts institutions is one which still tries to present Britain in a cloth cap with a chip on its shoulder - Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate Gallery

I don't want to end up in the top-right-hand corner of Celebrity Squares - Susau Tully, quitting East Enders for the stage

I'm not ever going to be my father. I know that now - Julian Leanon, quisting pop music for the stage

I wasn't searched, quizzed or screened. If I was a terrorist I wash I searched, quizzed of sereched. It I was a terrorist I would have thought I'd died and gone to heaven — Justin Dunn, 'Daily Mirror' journalist, who spent 48 minutes walking around the Treasury, Cabinet Office and No 10 Downing Street

It's not very often that I get hugs like that - the Princess of Wales, to a 10-year-old Binningham schoolboy

You can pontificate in print or on camera all night long, but unless you have submitted yourself for endorsement or rejection to the electorate, you count for very little - Alan Clark, former Conservative MP and minister

his car and not bother the Board unless he could prove Highworth, Witshire poverty. I also knew of individuals told to sell televisions. Legal folly of washing machines, etc, to raise

to be like signing on. In the state. But control? Even in those days, there were abuses. Dodgy even being allowed to register employers paying cash-in-hand for unemployment. Three hours and allowing time off to sign on or sit at home waiting for the inspector. I know of many a Lahour Exchange came the seasonal hotel that was painted in the winter by the summer tance Board. Another wait of staff at the same time as they

wait as your individual case I don't doubt that civil serwas assessed by "The Panel". vants are as dedicated now as When told at the NAB that you they were 40 years ago, but if would receive supplementary waste and corruption are to be eliminated, a new system is There would be a card in the needed - not merely harsh to post next day to inform you an punish the fiddlers, but fair and sensible. After all, it's our officer of the Board would be calling to interview you at home money they're taking.

- the inference was to spy on L. A. CHANNON Applicants were often Evesham, treated harshly. I myself heard Hereford & Worcester

Tumim's courage | Mersey killing

From Mrs Beatrice M. Burgess Sir: Following your article "Tumim saves his parting shot for Howard" (2 November) I would like to acknowledge the vision, wisdom, courage and determination of Judge Stephen Tumim in bringing to public attention the conditions into which our society allowed babies and toddters to live in prison with their mothers. Subsequently, the conditions have improved in the mother and

haby units in England. Regrettably, recent policy decisions have led to such inhuman practices as the handcuffing of pregnant prisoners in hospitals outside prison.

One hopes Judge Tumim's prophecy of the pendulum swinging back soon becomes

Yours faithfully. BEATRICE M. BURGESS Chairnerson, Babies In Prison Maidstone, Kent

money before appealing to the

From Professor A. Bradley received unemployment benefit and the NAB supplement.

Yours sincerely

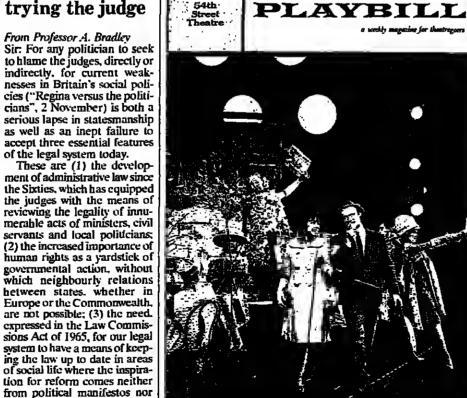
From Mr John Cochrane earlier.

In common with all success ful revolutions, the Mcrsey Sound reptaced dying stagna-tion - in this case, the 'bland soup" which any examination of the 1962 record charts would reveal,

JOHN COCHRANE

Sir: While I would be only 100 happy in a world without the Beatles (2 November), I should point out that the so-called Mersey Sound did not replace skiffle; as a popular music form, this had largely disappeared by the end of 1957 - six years

Liverpool



NO STRINGS

The history of colour-blindness

From Ms Rhoda Koenig Sir: The author of the marginal notes on your arts page today (31 October) asks, with reference to the black singer and actress Diahann Carroll's

Mander & Mitchenson starring in the touring company of Sunset Boulevard, "Is the American musical at last turn-

ing colour-blind?"
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An ideal judge

If John Major thought he had picked an establishment stooge for the sleaze inquiry, he was badly mistaken, says Chris Blackhurst

When Lord Nolan decided to hold a party to celebrate the first anniversary of his Committee on Standards in Public Life last Thursday evening, he attached one condition: the hill for the event, attended by the press and civil servants from around Whitehall who had helped in the first year, had to be footed by himself. the committee members and senior staff.

It was a characteristically surefooted, upright gesture. Not noble or dramatic hut entirely proper, Notan was not going to allow himself or his committee to be accused of freeloading at taxpayers' expense, of raiding the public purse to entertain journalists and public scrvants.

Anyone thinking this was a slightly cynical move, made with one eye on possible screaming tabloid headlines and questions from Tory MPs anxious to bring him to heel, would be mistaken. Such worldly thoughts, say those who know Michael Patrick Nolan, will never have entered his head. Rather, he will have been driven hy the same acute sense that has heen present all his life, of right and wrong, of unquestioning

morality and unwavering justice.
It started with his parents - The first and foremost influences on my life", he told the Catholic Herald in a rare personal interview and their profound Catholicism. and continued at Ampleforth, the Yorkshire monastic boarding school. Lessons learnt there remain with him still. "It was a happy time, steeped in the pre-Vatican II mentality. Priests told you how to march left-right-leftright, it was dead simple. In its

way, it proved a good rule for life." The monks had a firm policy of not allowing the elever pupils to dominate the class with constant questions. Instead they were taught to be patient, to hear their teacher present both sides of an

issue before reaching a decision. That ability to listen and carefully absorb the arguments always, apparently, with respect for the person making the point has characterised the first year of his committee. Anyone who witnessed the public hearings will have seen an extraordinary display of even-tempered and goodnatured control.

The committee, as he was always saying, was there to listen, to hear witnesses across the spec-

trum, before making up its mind. The "il" is crucial. By far the shrewdest move Nolan made, maintain those close to the committee, was to insist from the outset on an agreed report. He was determined to avoid the committee failing apart, with members sniping at each other and producing majority and minority

That this did not happen is an enormous tribute to the committee's chairman. His style has been one of open discussion, with debate confined to the committee meetings and nowhere else. Committee members do not meet one another outside its sessions; Nolan does not ring them up for private chats or canvass their views out of

them "a result". It did not, Nolan handled him beautifully by listening even more attentively than usual, making King feel he was not being ignored, then asking the others what they thought.

The result has been a report his enemies find hard to demolish. They can call him unworldly, can accuse him of not understanding the strains and stresses of political life, of not realising the need

He was determined to avoid sniping and majority and minority reports

earshot of their colleagues. He knew only one of the members previously - Sir Martin Jacomh, merchant hanker and head of the British Council. The rest have had to get to know him at meetings. They have not been to his home in Kent to meet his wife and five children, or to join him m a spot of fly-fishing in Hampshire, which he loves.

Tory MPs may have thought the presence of Tom King, the veteran. former Defence Secretary, on the committee would have guaranteed

for MPs to have other sources of income. And he will listen. But all he has to do is point to the pro-

duction of a conseosual report. Those who witnessed him at close quarters, before he sprang to public attention, testify that he has always been like that. "He is a very quiet, rather softly spoken per-son," says Lord Ackner, a fellow law lord. "He does not intervene except to ask very pertinent questions. Always, he asks them with great politeness and courtesy." Never once can lawyers recall

new standing committee on standards in public life - it is a point

Lord Nolan: motivated by a strong belief in public, not political, service

Nolan always stresses that his committee is a standing body which will not dishand after its first inquiry - there were items in Nolan's CV that suggested he might, just might, be on the Gov-ernment's side. During the 1984 miners' strike he granted injunctions to the National Coal Board to block flying pickets. Later he rejected claims for compensation for psychological damage brought relatives and friends of those killed in the Hillsborough disaster.

him losing his temper. "Behind

that soft manner is a very strong

personality. He has the ability to

see the kernel of a problem very

quickly. He is always courteous and

calm - the ideal sort of judge," says

appoint the first chairman of the

When John Major came to

His background suggested pure. solid, establishment: public school, Oxford, successful tax barrister, QC, Crown Court recorder, knighthood, Lord Justice of Appeal and - a little-known appointment hut one that bore all the right hallmarks - the commissioner responsible for checking the hugging activities of the security

services and Scotland Yard.

Mr Major was hadly mistaken. Nolan is not a soft touch and he was never going to be a government cipher.

Photograph: Glynn Griffiths

His politics, such as he has them, say his friends, are probahly one-nation Tory. But, they stress, such as he has them. "He is really apolitical, he does not think politically," said one.

What does motivate him is a simple helief in the strength of public service, that people who can should give something hack. Throughout, he has remained positive about the state of the nation. He does not share the gloommess of some commentators about our predicament. The very fact that his committee exists. and the way we are prepared, unlike other countries, to grasp the nettle before things get worse is, he believes, to our credit.

When the Commons last discussed the Nolan report, its author decided to attend. Outside he was accosted by Alan Duncan, a Tory MP. who challenged him, under the glare of the television fights, to dehate his report with him. Nolan remained impassive, while Mr Duncan tried to score political points. One of them was made to appear foolish, and it was not Lord Nolan.

The rise of the quango state

T t has been a good week to read this book on the governments of Margaret Thatcher and John Major. Tory MPs versus Lord Nolan, judges versus ministers. arguments about the National Louery.

All of these stones, and many more, connect to the book's central theme, which explains how Mrs Thatcher, while proclaiming herself an enemy of state power and socialism, actually accelerated Britain's post-war drift towards an ever more centralised state.

Although the thought is not new, the detail and range of the evidence assembled here is impressive. Jenkins takes us through most areas of our national life: industry, local government, health, police, schools, universities, urban development, housing. the judicial system and even. through the lottery, gambling, to show how Thatcher and her successor tried and mostly succeeded in drawing power into Whitehall. there to be supervised "through the tarnished needle's eye of the parliamentary dispatch box".

The figures are compelling. Local government, which in the mid-Eightics raised half its own revenue locally, now raises less than a fifth, and even that is capped by Whitehall. The author argues that in the Sixties public spending was more effectively controlled by municipal treasurers than by the Treasury, but the town halls fell foul of "a belief that local government was the state while central government was not". Such "Orwellian dysfunction" says Jenkins, allowed centralisers to call themselves decentralisers and hureaucratic nationalizers to command the Conservative Party.

The origin of the energy which Mrs Thatcher applied to the construction of her constitutional flame-thrower is detected in Britain's mid-century economic decline, when a faltering economy found it increasingly difficult to meet political expectations. In the Sixties, government spent around 35 per cent of the country's income; by the mid-Seventie s the figure was heading for 50 per cent and a Labour administration found the International Monetary Fund camped inside the Treasury.

Thereafter, says Jenkins, the Treasury and its ministers (of whom the Prime Minister is First Lord) ruled the roost. The outcome was a culture of audit and financial accountability at any political price. Combined with the blazing interventionism of Mrs Thatcher and her senior colleagues, the country was run as if il were manageable as a Lincolnshire household. Where ratecapping and auditing would not do the trick, the centre went for annexation, placing its appointees atop the police, training councils, the universities and much else.

Thus arose the quango state, in which appointment is preferred to clection. Jenkins tells us that in the 1890s London was run by boards involving 12,000 of its citizens, all

BOOK REVIEW

Accountable To None: The Tory Nationalisation of Britain

Simon Jenkins

Hamish Hamilton, £16.99

of them elected. Today, the number of supervisors is unchanged. hut only 1,914 of them are elected. Why does this maner and what is to be done? Jenkins is better on the former than the latter. It matters because the functions of a highly centralised state tend to be less open and accountable, fostering delusions of a monopoly of wisdom - a condition even more pernicious than its parallel in husiness. It does not take long for unaccountable monopolies to hecome corrupt, enriching the monopolist at the expense of the consumer. At the same time, central political monopoly crodes local political culture, including local media, making the public cynical and finally tending towards anarchy, despotism or both,

The answer, says Jenkins, is "constitutionalism." by which he presumably means a clear set of constitutional principles inviotable by government ministers. He also advocates the return of powers to local government. "In virtually all spheres of government, functions and powers could revert to elected rather than appointed bodies - power to raise revenue. set service standards and monitor them locally. No country in Europe has as little autonomy vested in subordinate local institutions as has Britain.

It is a pity that this section of the argument is so compressed. Jenkins does not explore why it might be better to aim not for a mere recreation of portmanteau government at local level, but a more function-specific series of locally elected bodies running schools, the police, housing and so on, with improved methods of direct accountability to voters. There is also much that local public services can and should learn from Thatcherism's emphasis on auditing and the division of function between purchaser and provider.

But perhaps the author was wise to rest his case having set out such a formidable charge sheet, knowing as he does that neither of the hig political parties is yet willing to plead guilty and seriously begin the process of rehabilitation. That is why rival chancellors will continue to battle over the sterile earth of who can best spend the 40 per cent of national income in the hands of the Treasury, why the relationship between politicians and judges will become ever more fractious and why the public is becoming less and less interested in politics. What we need is a political leader who will come to power genuinely deter-

lan Hargreaves

When a hug can really hurt

Definitions of harassment are still foggy in British workplaces, says Rosemary Nodder

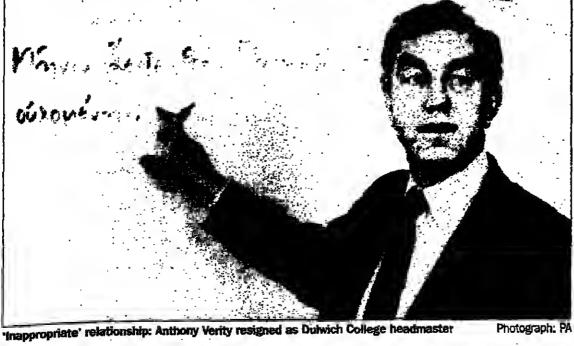
When Anthony Verity, headmaster of Dulwich College, was accused of sexual harassment by a school secretary, it started months of trouble for him and his school as the governors pondered the case. Mr Verily was cleared of harassment but resigned this week after the governors found he had allowed an "inappropriate" relationship to decelor

Such "inappropriate" behaviour. ship to develop. and when it turns into harassment, and when that should end someone's career are all increasing problems in the workplace, and many cases end up in industrial tribunals. How can you avoid being accused of sexual harassment or inappropriate behaviour?

First, you need to be aware of the culture of the organisation where you work, and the perceived effect your behaviour is having on another person. Research by a Dutch psychologist, Geent Hofstede, suggests that this internal culture is different from that of the outside world, which is based in the shared values learnt in childhood. Organisational cultures are rooted in shared practices, changing and adapting as new members join as adults. Within a workplace, different branches and departments will have their own cultures. The factory floor might be adomed with girlie posters which would seem out of place in the boardroom.

Until fairly recently employees in many organisations were all white males, or men held management jobs with a few women in stereotypical emale jobs and in lower positions in the organisation. Cultures developed based on the beliefs and values of the men who worked there: a woman's place was definitely in the home or the

Women had to accept the dominant male culture if they wished to remain in their colors. in their jobs in these organisations, and they were forced to develop coping Strategies to deal with unwelcome verbal or physical attention they received. The workplace is now undergoing



rapid change, and many of the strongly held values that made up an organisation's culture are changing, too. Many more employees come from different national cultures, bringing different attitudes with them. There are also many more women in the workforce who have gained strength to reject chauvinistic behaviour. Women are far more likely to speak out and complain about behaviour. A man

Introduction of equal opportunities legislation has forced organisations to look more carefully at their treatment of women. Many are now including a clause in employment contracts setting out what is permissible behaviour. This helps people to set boundaries

who has failed to keep np with the changed attitudes of his office, school or factory can be completely amazed to be thus accused.

and oot hase assumptions about what is acceptable on their own experience. When in close contact with someone at work, it is essential to separate behaviour that is acceptable in a social situation from that acceptable at work. For example, kissing guests on the cheek may be appropriate at a dinner party, but it would be most inappropriate at work. I once visited a company to look at

alternative work for employees following restructuring. I was with some employees who were describing the work they were doing. One of them was a young, rather quiet, woman. While watching them at work, an older man came up and put his arms right round the young woman in what could be perceived as a bear hug. The woman froze but he was unaware of the effect he was having.

I asked the woman about the incident, and she said that he always did this and how she hated it. She became quite distressed on recounting examples. I then spoke to the man in question, who was completely amazed on hearing she was upset. He said he had a daughter her age and that he percrived that he was acting in a fatherly manner! He would have been extremely shocked if a complaint had been made of sexual harassment.

That is an extreme case, But in the oormal day-to-day banter of working life there are also problems. For example, is it acceptable for a man to comment on a female colleague's appearance? How do you know whether this is acceptable? What should you look for? You may perceive that you are giving her a compliment, or being The auth friendly, but she may perceive it as chologist.

sional lives to overlap - although this can be difficult in the heat of the office Christmas party.
To avoid charges of sexual harassment being made and to establish the boundaries of what is permissible, the organisation may need to change its practices. The best way for managers

to do this is simple - ask the women what they think. Hold meetings with women from all levels of the organisation, using an outsider to run the meeting to encourage total openness. A document should then be produced, clearly detailing the agreed acceptable boundaries for each particular work site or office with examples of what is meant. Procedures for dealing with any incidents can be established so they can be quickly dealt with. Of course, as women move into the

workplace, harassment will not be all one way, and women must be sensitive to men's feelings. While the film Disclosure - in which Demi Moore seduces an unwilling Michael Douglas and then accuses him of harassing her - is a Hollywood exaggeration, examples are emerging of men complaining of unwelcome and emharrassing teasing and touching from female colleagues.

Men and women could benefit from increased sensitivity to the feelings of others. They should take cases like Dulwich College as a horrible warning to what can happen if "mappropriate" behaviour is not nipped firmly

The author is an occupational psy-

Сору, offensive. First ask yourself if a similar remark would be made to a male colleague. Any such remarks that can сору, be misinterpreted at work should not be made. It's better just to keep quiet. сору, Of course, people look to work for friendship and romance. They need always to be aware of the dangers of сору, allowing their personal and profesсору, сору, сару, сору, copy, copy, copy, copy, at Sharp we not only judge a copier on how fast it copies, but also on how long it keeps copying. That's why we build our machines to last. If you'd like more information just call 0800 262 958 INTELLIGENT THINKING

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White

Michael White was a visionary thinker and an inspired teacher, who was passionate about med-ical standards and patient care.

At Hull University, he led m-

novative and nationally ac-

claimed research into the tissue

culture of turnours, primarily of the pituitary gland and hreast. He was also the principal in-

fluence in the development of

a new diabetes centre at the

university.
White was educated at the City of London School for

Boys, where he was a keen

sports player, particularly of cricket, which became one of

stead opted for a career in

medicine, and graduated in 1972 from St Bartholomew's

Medical School, in London,

White's first house officer's

post at Bart's, under Professor

Michael Besser, inspired him to

follow a career in academic cudocrinology. After working as

a research fellow at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School,

Hammersmith Hospital, he

moved to Newcastle upon Tyne

in 1982 as university lecturer in

medicine. His work in London

and Newcastle formed the ha-

sis for his MD thesis on the tis-

sue culture of pituitary tumours.

In addition to clinical duties on

the Endocrine Unit at the Roy-

al Victoria Infirmary in New-

castle. White pursued an active

research programme; he fund-

ed and supervised a group of sci-

entists investigating the cellular

In 1988, White was appoint-

ed consultant physician and

endocrinologist at the Royal

Liverpool Hospital, and clinical

lecturer at the University De-

partment of Medicine, Here, he

not only continued his research,

but also greatly developed the

existing diabetic and endocrine

White's drive and foresight

of the new Postgraduate Medical School at Hull University.

were crucial to the development

where be was appointed to the

foundation Chair of Medicine

in 1992. He also set up the Med-

ical Research Laboratory at

Hull, where his pioneering re-

search into the tissue culture of

tumours was carried out. Michael White's vitality, gen-

erosity and warmth were im-

mediately apparent to all those

who met him. He brought the

same passion and commitment

cine, whether it was politics, the

arts, cricket, or good food and

wines. These, combined with his boyish sense of fun, made him

stimulating and engaging company. He took very seriously his family responsibilities, which

basis of pituitary disease.

with First Class honours.

the consuming passions of his life. He studied Classics, but in-

obituaries/gazette

Desmond **Shawe-Taylor**

Chief Music Critic of the Sunday Times for a guarter of a century, without any formal musical training, Desmond Shawe-Taylor belonged to a generation of hard-working and inspired amateurs who learnt their trade as they went along.

Educated at Shrewshury and Oriel College, Oxford, where he read English, Shawe-Taylor served throughout the Second World War in the Royal Artillery, and on demobilisation he was taken on as music critic by the New Statesman, at the age of 32.

There he remained for 13 years, as one of a galaxy of rohust writers who between them turned the New Statesman into compulsory reading for people of all political persuasions. And it was to the arts pages that readers generally turned first for Shawe-Taylor's contempo-raries as contributors included V.S. Pritchert, Desmond Mac-Carrhy, Raymond Mortimer and Edward Sackville-West.

Shawe-Taylor and Eddy Sackville-West met in 1935, Shawe-Taylor staying a night in Sackville-West's rooms at Knole, in Kent, before they both attended a performance of Berlioz's opera The Trojans, at that time such a novelty in Britain that they thought it well worth a journey to Glasgow to hear it. A firm, if sometimes humpy, but very creative, friendship formed that was to last until Sackville-West's death

Immediately the war was Shawe-Taylor and Sackville-West's Oxford undergraduate friend Eardley Knollys ilighted on Long Crichel House, near Wimborne, and the three of them bought it as a weekend retreat. They were later joined by a fourth partner, Raymond Mortimer, literary editor of the New Statesman, and at Long Crichel established a kind of male literary salon.

Guests of every kind tumbled over one another to stay the weekend. Syhil Colefax, Anthony Asquith. Graham Sutherland, Lord Berners, Nancy Mitford, Benjamin Britten, Henry Reed, Cuthbert Worsley, Rose Macaulay, Barbara Ward, Lennox Berkeley, Laurie Lee. Ben Nicolson. Derek Hill (who now has a studio there), C. Day-Lewis, and eventually Graham Greene and the great soprano Elisabeth Schumann all signed

the Long Crichel visitors' book. As both Shawe-Taylor and Sackville-West were early devotees of the gramophone, enter- In 1948 Shawe-Taylor published

tainment consisted of music, conversation and croquet, which Shawe-Taylor listed in Who's Who as one of his recreations. The ambience was one of informal comfort enjoyed with excellent food and plenty of wine.

Fortunately, two outstanding

diarists, James Lees-Milne and Frances Partridge, were regular visitors to Long Crichel, and they have left indelible impressions of the sometimes rowdy, always stimulating, atmosphere. "Eardicy. Desmond and Eddy lead a highly civilised life," Lees-Milne noted in 1947. "Comfortable house, pretty things, good food." He thought Shawe-Taylor "the gayest, sweetest tempered, most informative person in the wide world". Many years later, Lees-Milne recalled in conversation that life at Long Crichel had



hawe-Taylor: critical aplomb Photograph: Michael Ward

heen "just hilarity from beginning to end. Unlike Garsington, it was quite unselfconscious. You were left alone. There was nothing organised. And there was never any nonsense about tite-à-tite conversations. Everyone joined in."

The quartet who entertained so generously at Long Crichel could be quarrelsome but they were all essentially civilised and rounded personalities, who contrived to create a home that Ben Nicolson thought "almost too good to be true". Writing to Sackville-West to thank him for a visit in 1949, be said, "I think the serene living you have achieved is miraculous." What Shawe-Taylor contributed in particular, according to the diaries of Frances Partridge, was boundless high spirits, optimism, volatility, and interest in everything that comes his way".

A good deal of serious work was undertaken at Long Crichel

Covent Garden, a history of the Royal Opera House, and then he and Sackville-West got down to their great collaboration, published in 1951 as The Record Guide. "It became absolutely awful," Shawe-Taylor confided to me during a visit f made to Long Crichel to research a hi-ography of Sackville-West. "We decided that unless the Guide was going to kill us we had better kill it . . . It was the most awful sweat."

It was also in the end a tour de force, with Shawe-Taylor concentrating on a critique of gramophone records of opera and song. The overall result was the kind of guide you could take to bed and read as a novel, and although obviously many details relating to the records themselves are obsolete, Shawe-Taylor's and Sackville-West's

succinct comments on various composers are written with a aplomb and striking vividness, amounting to miracles of compression, information and entertainment, ft was intended as a selective, not a comprehensive, guide, and it is the stamp of personal preference that gives the work its special flavour. In 1965 Shawe-Taylor's con-tribution to musical criticism

was recognised by his appointment as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. From 1973 to 1974 he was guest music critic on the New Yorker, and for many years after retir-ing as Chief Music Critic (in 1983) he continued to contribute articles to the Sunday Times. Even before the onset, in 1993, of his Alzheimer's Disease, to be driven by Shawe-Taylor across Salisbury Plain from the station to Long Crichel was to recall the headlong dash at the wheel of Mr Toad. One of the hardest tasks that befell Derek Hill, on his occasional visits, and in particular the distinguished ophthalmic surgeon Patrick Trevor-Roper. Shawe-Taylor's last partner at Long Crichel, was gently to wean Desmond away from the wheel altogether, following a series of accidents that heralded the final sad demise of a mind that bad always been accustomed to working in top gear.

Michael De-la-Noy

Desmond Christopher Shawe-Taylor, music critic: born Co Galway 29 May 1907; music critic, New Statesman 1945-58; Times 1958-83; CBE 1965; died

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Jack Rose

Jack Rose knew what he did best and, surprisingly, so did Holly-wood; in a 34-year film career, he wrote or co-wrote some 30 films, all but four of which were comedies or musical comedies.

Jack Rose was born in Poland, coming to America with his father and 10 siblings to settle in Brooklyn. After receiving his BA at Ohio University. Rose returned to New York City in 1934 and became a Broadway press agent. His work brought him into contact with Milton Berle, for whom he began writing jokes. Borle paid him \$30 a week, and Rose's fa-ther became suspicious about all the money his youngest son was bringing home. "None of my hrothers of sisters had ever earned that kind of money", Rose recalled. "My father asked my brother Ed, later to be an Assistant District Attorney, to investigate me and find out what mob I was with."

In the late 1930s Rose submitted a gaggle of one-liners to Bob Hope, who added him to his regiment of radio writers at \$100 a week. Rose became an important member of Hope's staff, and by 1940 had belped his show to reach fourth place in the broadcast ratings.

Edmund Beloin, wrote Ladies'

Man, a lightweight screen vehicle for the comedian Eddie Bracken. The film did well enough for the studio (Paramount) to sign Rose to a contract, and he soon put his long experience with Bob Hope to good use by writing the original story for Road to Rio (1947), as well as collaborating with Beloin on the screenplay. ft was the fifth of the Hope-Crosby-Lamour series and one of the funniest; the entire plot revolved mysteriously around the vital importance of "the papers". When, at the climax, these intriguing papers were finally pro-duced. Crosby scanned them and tore them up, saying maddeningly to the camera: "The world - must never know!" Equally impish is the ending

of It's a Great Feeling (1949), a musical which Rose wrote with his most frequent collaborator, Melville Shavelson. Throughout the film, Struggling Singer Doris Day kept vowing to give up the Hollywood rat race, return to ber home town and become "Mrs Jeffrey Bushdinkle". She finally did forsake Tinseltown, settling for marriage to the prosaic Busbdinkle - wbo turned out to

be played by Errol Flynn. Shavelson and Rosc wrote with the ex-Jack Benny writer You in My Dreams, On Moon-

in Paris (1953). The first was an entertaining biography of the lyricist Gus Kahn (played by Danny Thomas), with Day as his adoring wife. Rose and Shavelson wrote three more musical biopics: The Five Pennies (1959), in which Danny Kaye played the cornettist/bandleader Red Nicholas, and The Seven Little Foys (1955) and Beau James (1957), in which Bob Hope gave his finest, straightest film

performances as, respectively, the comedian Eddie Foy and Mayor Jimmy Walker. Other Hope films on which Rose worked were My Favourite Brunette (1947), The Great Lover, Sorrowful Jones (both 1949) and The Paleface (1948), Hope's all-time highest-grossing For Dean Martin, Rose

wrote Who's got the Action? (1962) and Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed? (1963), preceded by Living It Up (1954), a Martin and Lewis remake of Nothing Sacred, which set Rose and Shavelson the onerous task of rewriting a role played originally by Carole Lombard for Jerry From the mid-1950s, Rose

was involved in the production of many of his own films, in-Cary Grant and Sophia Loren, light Bay (both 1951) and April It Started in Naples (1960), with 1995.

Clark Gable and Loren, and On the Double (1961), with Danny Kaye. The third film in which Danny Kaye played a dual role, it was described by the New York Times as "a melancholy dive into self-plagiarism". The climax of Rose's career

was the award-winning (from the Writers Guild of America), Oscar-nominated.4 Touch of Class (1973), which he and Melvin Frank wrote for George Segal and Glenda Jackson. Six years later Rose and Frank wrote Lost and Found for Segal and Jackson, but it hadn't the class of Class. For Segal and Goldic Hawn he, Barry Sandler and Frank wrote the quip-packed western The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox (1976). With Tom Patchett and Jay Tarses he wrote The Great Muppet Caper (1981). The film's highlight was the hilarious scene in which John Cleese and Joan Sanderson played a patrician couple making desperate small-talk, refusing to acknowledge that tiny weird animals were swarming all over their stately home. It was

Dick Vosburgh

Jack Rose, writer and producer: born Warsaw 4 November 1911; to his many and eclectic inter-ests outside the field of medidied Los Angeles 20 October

Jack Rose's last film.



Mystical: Getz was Rabbi of the

Western Wall for over 25 years

were characterised by a fierce and protective love. Geoffrey Gill

Michael Christopher White. endocrinologisi: born Nairobi 19 June 1948: University Lecturer in Medicine, Newcastle upon Tyne University 1982-88; Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist. Royal Liverpool Hospital, and Clinical Lecturer, Liverpool University 1988-92: Professor of Medicine, Hull University 1992 95; married 1974 Elizabeth Rogerson (two daughters); died Wakefield 13 August 1995.

Rabbi Yehuda Meir Getz

With his white shiriml (the ultra-orthodox large round religious circular head covering). beard and white coat. Yehuda Meir Getz had the saintly appearance suitable for the man holding the dramatic post of Rabbi of the Western Wall of Jerusalem, the last remnant of the Temple and the Jewish

people's most sacred site. Yet his earlier years, which combined rabbinic studies with severe fighting as a soldier in the Israeli army, had hardly prepared him for this post requir- rank of lieutenant-colonel.

FERRIER: Winifred Margaret, of Mary Feilding Guild, Highgale, and East-side House. Temple Fortune, and formerly of Ulstercourt. Kingston-upon-Thames, on I November, in her 92nd years, in loving care at Whitington Hospital. Sister of the late Kathleen Ferrier, contraito, to the memory of whose artistry, particularly in its example to yearn singers, she de-

in its example to young singers, she de-voted so much of her indomitable spir-it, energy, grace and humility. Funeral service on Friday 10 November at

service on Friday III November at Golders Green Crematorium at 2pm. No flowers, please, but donations if desired in the Kathleen Ferrier Chair of Clinical Oncology, and made payable to "University College Lon-don", c/o Professor Souhami, The Middleax Hospital, Mortimer Street, London WIN 8AA.

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HENRY: Mary Gwendolen Nicol, CBE.
On 31 October at St Pancras Hospital, dear sister to Richard, Leslie, Harry and Hector. Born 10 April 1912, formerly Registrar of the General Nursing Council of England and Wales, Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11, at 12 noon on Friday 10 November. No flowers by request, Donations may be sent to the 1930 Fund for District Nurses, 1a Winders Revad, London SW11 5HF.

1930 Fund for District Nurses, la Winders Read, London SW11 5HE, KNOWLES: On 2 November 1995, peacefully after a long illness, Sidney Francis (Frank), aged 80, of Denton, Newhawan, formerly of East Grinstead and Lewes, dearly-loved busband of Pal and a much-loved father and grandfather. Service at Senford Baptist Church on Wednesday 8 November at 11.30am, Enquiries col Lee Goscher, Seniord and Newhaven Funeral Service, telephone 01323

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WARDE-ALDAM: Major Julian, on 3 November, loved and loving hus-band of Virginia and father of Jamie,

Tom and Kale. Private funeral, memorial service to be announced.

DEATHS

ing much patience, tolerance, independence as well as piety and learning. He emigrated from Tunisia, where he was a rabbi, in 1949, a year after the establishment of the State of Israel. Instead of obtaining a rabhinic post he joined a group of pioneers in Galilee in huilding the Moshav Keren Ben Zimra settlement. To the surprise of his comrades. Getz joined the Israeli army. He took part in a number of battles as an infantryman, retiring with the

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

IN MEMORIAM

It was the death of his son Avner during the Six Day War. in 1967, in the successful battle to recapture the Old City and its greatest prize, the Western Wall, that led Getz to move to Jerusalem. He became one of the first residents of the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, which was rehuilt after it had been largely destroyed together with famous synagogues. Soon afterwards he was appointed Rabbi of the Western Wall with jurisdiction over the wall, the cause of much dissension and

even bloodletting between Jews Law) he dispersed them. Four founded. He was also known to and Arabs, and the holy sites around the Temple Mount. Getz carried out his duties

with rare independence and considerable courage. Although cynics thought that he successfully walked a thin line at the wall between pleasing the ultra-religious Jews, who see the wall solely as a sacred site, and the more secular Jews who view it also as a national monument. Getz made clear his own inclinations. Noting a group of women reading from the Torah (Scroll of the (Talmudic college) which he

mond former Chief Executive.

RSPCA, 64: Mr Roy Rogers, actor,

83; Miss Elke Sommer, actress, 55; Lord Stallard, former Labour MP, 74;

Sir William Stubbs, chief executive, Further Education Funding Council,

58; Mr Eldred Tabachnik OC, Presi-

dent. Board of Deputies of British Jews, 52; Mr Ned Temke, Editor, Jew-ish Chronicle, 43; Sir Anthony Temant.

years ago he temporarily resigned in protest at a plan to hold a youth military coremony at the wall, because it involved boys and girls standing together.
Getz could be seen entering

at midnight the labyrinthine tunnels adjoining the Western Wall Plaza to spend hours studying the Cabbala, the mystical tradilions in Judaism which go back to biblical times. This tradition he passed on to young students at a cabbalist yeshiva

pray in the morning in the tunnels directly opposite where the Holy of Holies was believed to have been located. His funeral, too, had a mystical quality. He was buried after midnight on the Mount of Olives, mourned by thousands. Nearby are the graves of two sons, one killed in battle and one in a car crash.

Joseph Finklestone

Yehuda Meir Getz, rabbi: born Tunisia 1924; married; died Jerusalem 17 September 1995.

The difference between time and eternity

ers who defend traditional Christian posidous as beliefs which Christians should be compelled to hold; whereas what ac-tual living Christians believe strikes most agnostics as virtually atheistic. A dogmatic belief in the existence of a soul separahle from the body seems a necessary part

practising Christians. The subtlety of Christian beliefs about the soul and its immortality has been made clear to me by a couple of conferences I have attended recently. These were not fringe meetings. One was in Jesus College, Cambridge, and the other in St George's House, a study centre in Windsor Castle. Both brought together philosophers, sci-entists, and theologians to discuss the study of consciousness. How is it that the three and a half pounds of porridge-like brain,

of Christian beliefs to everyone except

which is all an observer can see in our heads, can produce a thinking, feeling subject?
There are of course innumerable theories to explain this transubstantiation: all have in common the fact that they are prescientific and more or less metaphorical. At best, we know that chemical and electrical activity in small, particular areas of the brain is correlated with particular sorts of feeling, perception, and memory. But what these correlations are, and how they arise, remains a fascinating mystery. The study of consciousness is at the moment the fault-line where science and religion

grind together hardest. However, almost everyone studying the field agrees that consciousness, or sub-

jectivity, is umbilically connected to brains.

When the brain stops, I stop," said Juhn Scarle, one of the leading philosopliers of the field in Cambridge. But he is an atheist. What somewhat surprised me

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Andrew Brown examines what philosophers and theologians on human consciousness reveals

er that evening, Professor Lash was assailed for his remarks by a furious atheist, who had been raised a Congregationalist; and grew heated himself in reply.

The first part was that theology was concomed with truth; and that the world is a complicated place; hence the truth is likely to be a subtle and complicated thing, too. We do not expect to understand nuclear physics; why should we expect to un-derstand the further reaches of theology? There might well be a residue of mystery remaining at the end of theological knowledge, just as there is at the end of scientific knowledge.

The second part of his argument was that

language about eternity was necessarily metaphorical. Eternity was not more time, but different from time. Eternal life did not mean "life infinitely prolonged". The approach to a might be described, but the closer we came to eternity, the more metaphorical and analogical our tanguage must become. That did not mean that any old metaphor would do: merely that even our best metaphors were not to be mis-

flesh-based. The lapsed Congregationalist was beaten back as much by the heat of this assault as by its brilliance. As a bystander, feeling both warmed and illuminated, I set off to find other opinions.

There were three Anglican priests pre-sent at this conference. One, the Rev Anthony Freeman, had been sacked from his post in Chichester for espousing beliefs which he thought indistinguishable from those which Professor Lash was now defending. (Professor Lash thought that the distinction between his helicis and Mr Freeman's was large and clear.) The other two priests were employed, respectively, as a psychologist and an Artificial Intelligence researcher. They, too, took for granted that consciousness must be rooted in some physical being.

This belief can, as we have seen, be stretched to cover traditional doctrines about post-death experience. What it cannot be stretched to do is to encompass traditional beliefs about angels, demons, ghosts and so on. If these are disembodicd spirits, they are a contradiction in terms. It is worth noting that this belief can be reached from a purely philosoph-

ical as well as an empirical standpoint.

I asked one of the priests present what he did if a parishioner requested an exorcism. Whatever was pastorally helpful, he replied. He did not think it was his job as a priest to allow philosophical scruples, which might or might not be justified, to

which might or might not be justined, to prevent him from alleviating suffering. An atheist might conclude from this that Christian intellectuals who keep up with the progress of scientific research are necessarily hypocrites. He would be wrong. The point is that those who flee from science to religion in search of comprehensive and comprehensible certainty are just as mistaken as the travellers who set off to the same end from the opposite direction. This message will not be a popular one.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, British Youth Band Championships, tomorrow anends the championships at Wembley Arena, Wembley Prince Michael of Kent, President, RAC, tomorrow takes part in the Veteran Car Run from Lon-

Changing of the Guard Crianging of the County Mounted Regiment mounts the Outen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Ham, Ist Battalion Scuts Guards, Ham, Ist Battalion Scuts Guards mounts the Outen's Chard, at Bockingham Palace, IL Man, bond provided by the Gremaler Counts, TOMORROW: The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Outen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Illan.

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Birthdays TODAY: Dr Jean Balfour, former Chairman, Countryside Commis-sion for Scotland, 68; Mr Martin Bal-

sam, actor, 76; The Right Rev John Cavell, Assistant Bishop, Salisbury, 79; Mr Walter Cronkite, radio and Hugh Cunningham, 74; Dame Kathrya Dugdale, a lady in-waiting to the Queen, 72; Mr Russell Evans, former chairman, Rank Organisation, GALLAGHER: A memorial service for the life of Rory Gallagher will be held on Wednesday 8 November at the Brompton Oratory. Brompton Road, London SW7, at 11am. All welcome. R.L.P. 73; Professor Arthur Forty, former Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Stirling University, 67; Mr Robert Hen-derson, former chairman, Kleinwort, Benson, Lonsdale, 78; Mr Elgar PEARCE: John, MA, Sussex Police Su-perintendent, Divisional Commander, died of cancer 4.11.94. It's been a year since you were taken from us and al-though you have gone from our sight you will never ever be forgothen as you lelt so much lowe, Laughter and hap-piness behind. "I stood in a crowd with the masses / and yet I would have alone / save for your words of love in my heart / and a vision of your love-liness in my mind." Thank you for lov-ing me. I am proud to be your wife. Forever yours, Lyn. Howarth, musician and conductor, 60; Professor Jeffrey Jowell, Professor of Public Law and Vice-Provost, University College, London, 57; Dr Thomas Klestil, President of Austria, 63; Air Commodore Philippa Marshall, former Director, WRAF, 75: Mr Michael Meacher MP, 56; Miss Joan Rodgers, soprano. 39; Professor Joseph Rotblat, physicist, 87; Mr David Shipman, film historian. 63; Air Commandant Dame Anne stephens, former Director. WRAF, OWEN: Wilfred, poet. Oswestry, 18
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rman, Christie's International Anniversaries TODAY: Births: Sir Frank Benson actor-manager, 1858. Deaths: Jeseph Rowntree, cocoa manufacturer, 1859; Wilfred Owen, poet, killed in action 1918. On this day: Tu-

tankhamun's tomb was discovered to Lord Carnaryon and Howard Carter 1922. Today is the Feast Day of St Birstan or Brynstan of Winchester. Si Charles Borromeo, Si Clarus, Si Joannicus, Si John Zedazzeli, Si Pierius and Saints Vitalis and Agri-cola TOMORROW: Births: Vivien Leigh (Vivien Hartley), actress, 1913. Deaths: Jacques Tati (Tatischeff), ac tor and director, 1982. On this day, the Gunpowder Plot was disease. ered, 1605, Today is the Feast Day of St Bertilla of Chelles, Saints Elisabeth and Zachary. St Episteme and

Trinity College of Music Sir Ron Dearing was the guest of ho-nour at the Trinity College of Music pour at the tritury conege of Music Presentation Day ceremony held yesterday at the Wigmore Hall, Lon-don WI. Honorary Fellowship of the college was conferred upon Miss Ann Cherry, Mis Elizabeth Turnbull, Dr Bernart Rainbow, Professor Graeme Davies and Mr William Lyne. The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Mr Alan Bradley, and the Chairman of the Corporation of Trinity College of Music. Mr Paul Strang, also attended. Students of the college performed music by Bobby Lamb, Claudio Monteverdi, Daryl Runswick (a première). Michaet Tippett and Judith Weir.

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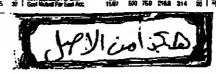
about Christian belief in the soul and its immortality.

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IN BRIEF

Dollar stages a recovery

The dollar reached a six-week high against the yen and two-week high against the mark yesterday. Dealers said interoational investors were wary of the yen because of renewed concerns about the stability of the Japanese financial system. There were also suggestions that Japanese investors are becoming more willing to invest ahroad - although no evidence yet that they have started to do so in significant amounts. A rise of 116,000 in the number of oon-farm jobs in the US last month, and a fall in the unemployment rate to 5.5 per cent, took the dollar off its highs. So did profit-taking on this week's gains before the weekeod. The dollar closed in London at ¥103.57 and DM1.4159.

Invesco fights back

Invesco, the international fund management company, announced yesterday that the funds it controls have rocketed by 19 per cent to more than £50bn in the first nine months of the year. The company said much of its success, with funds increasing £8hn since the end of 1994, came from the US. The recovery follows several years of relatively weak performance after Invesco's UK arm was caught up in the Maxwell pension scandal and in 1993 was fined £750,000 by its regulator for rule breaches.

Thumbs down to Lloyd's plan

Proposals by Lloyd's of London for market professionals to allocate more capital to riskier underwriting have met with wide disapproval in a consultation exercise which ended yesterday. Lloyd's said it will modify its proposals, hut still intends to introduce "risk-hased capital" on a monitoring basis in 1996.

German output falls again

German industrial output fell 1.9 per cent in September, dominated by a 5.1 per cent drop in the eastern *Lander*. It was the second unexpected drop in a row, taking output to a level 2.9 per cent lower than a year earlier. Analysts said the figures made

reduction in interest rates before Christmas more likely. Sharp rise in store credit

Retail credit is booming, according to the latest monthly aurvey from the Finance and Leasing Association. The trade body said retail store credit grew 22 per cent in the year to September, reaching £561m. Demand for car finance was subdued after a bonanza in August. Finance for husiness was boosted by leasing, which doubled between August and September.

Brokers launch global network

The world's six biggest insurance brokers are tearning up to form a joint electronic trading network. The six - Sedgewick, Willis Corroon, Aon, Marsh & MeLennan, Johnson & Higgins and Alexander & Alexander - aim to cut the cost of commercial insurance. BT will help to create the system, called World Insurance Network, which hopes to be in place by 1996.

Board changes at Hi-Tec

Edward Kirby has joined the board of Hi-Tec, the struggling sports shoe company that lost £12.5m in the 15 mooths 10 April, as a non-executive director. Bradley Lemkus, managing director of Hi-Tec Sports South Africa, has also joined the board. He replaces David Strongman who resigned to "pursue a new career

Lloyds-TSB chiefs to pocket £23m profit

The 11 top executives of Lloyds Bank and the TSB are in line to make a £23m profit on their shares and options as part of the £14hn merger of the two banks. Five of the most senior loyds' executives, headed by Sir Brian Pitman, the chief executive, are shown to be worth £12m in fully paid-up shares and option paper profits. Sir Brian, alone, has accumulated £4m in

shares, with option paper profits worth £1.8m at yesterday's closing Lloyds price of 795p. The structure of the deal as reverse takeover of Lloyds by the TSB means the share options for Lloyds' directors are automatically triggered. Despite this, TSB directors can exercise the hulk of their options within the next year, and would represent a £7.4m profit at Lloyds' closing price last night. Peter Ellwood, chief execu-tive of the TSB, who is to be-

come one of the deputy chief executives of the LLoyds TSB group, is in line for a potential option gain of £2.7m. The TSB chairman, Sir Nicholas Goodison, faces a potential reward of £2.3m. The nausually close bunching of the exercise dates for the directors' TSB share options has provoked speculation that the prospect of a takeover had been taken into account. Lloyds confirmed yesterday

that the 280 senior executives and 32,000 staff at the bank are free to exercise their options as taking over Lloyds. The main reason was to preserve the trust status of the TSB and its charthey wish, although a facility is being proposed for them to be rolled over into the new Lloyds A Lloyds spokesman said that there had been no pressure

from Sir Brian on directors not

to exercise their options. Alan Moore, deputy chief executive of Lloyds, has £2m in paid-up-shares and is in line for £422,742 in paper option gains. David Pir-rie, director of international and private banking at Lloyds, faces share option gains before tax of £1.1m; John Davies, deputy chairman, is in line for share option gains of £899,652; while Paul Brown, director of UK retail banking, shows paper option profits of £773,871.

Even though Lloyds is clearly the dominant partner, with 71 per cent of the £14bn capital and four directors on the board to the TSB's two, the deal has been structured as the TSB

itable foundations, as well as to take account of the TSB'a particular status in Scotland. Lloyds TSB Group pic will have its registered office in Scotland.

TSB shareholders are to retain their existing share certificates. At last night's closing value of 379p, the shares are showing a substantial gain on the value of 273.5p on 6 Octo-ber, the eve of the announcement of the financial terms of the takeover. The documents directors are to be con ed for the impact of the 68p spe cial dividend, worth £10n, on the value of their share options.

Lloyds shareholders will need to exchange their existing new Lloyds TSB shares for every one of their ordinary

Lloyds TSB will recommend a final dividend for 1995 of not

fully paid shares	options
Brian Pitman £4m (504,626)	£1.8m
Alan Moore £2m deputy chief executive (253,016)	£422,742
John Davies £768,941 deputy chairman (96,844)	£899,652
David Pirrie £239,994 director, international (30.226)	£1.1m
Paul Brown £331,622 director, UK retail banking (41,766)	£773,871

less than 7.8p (net) per Lloyds TSB ahare. The approval of Lloyds' shareholders is to be sought at an extraordinary general meeting on 27 November. A TSB egm will be beld two

days later. If approved, the merger will become effective on 28 December. The apecial dividend will be paid to TSB ordinary shareholders on 18

Takeover

talk lifts

East

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Takeover speculatioo and a management streamlining to

take advantage of electricity deregulation in 1998 boosted the share price of East Midlands Electricity 32p to 895p yesterday. Talk of more bids in the electricity sector returned after Ian

Lang, Presideot of the Board of Trade, overruled the Office of

Fair Trading on Thursday and refused to refer North West Wa-

ter's bid for Norweh to the Mo-

Other gainers were York-

shire, a perennial bid favourite,

up 11p to 898p and London, up

East Midlands, which boasts

of being the first regional elec-

tricity company to return cash

divideod earlier this year, is to

reorganise into three separate

husinesses by March next year.

Although there was oo sug-gestioo that this was a prelude

to a demerger, East Midlands

claimed that the move was a pi-

oncering development aimed at showing how an independent re-

gional company could meet the

challeoge of deregulation, when

the domestic market is opened

up to competing suppliers.
The proposed takeovers of

Midlands Electricity by Power-

nopolies Commission.

PETER RODGERS **Business Editor**

Airline high-flier: Ayling becomes chief executive in unexpected switch at British carrier

Marshall reign ends at BA after 12 years

PETER RODGERS **Business Editor**

Sir Colin Marshall unexpectedly stepped down yesterday from the chief executive role at British Airways in favour of Bob Ayling, the managing director.

Sir Colin is to continue as chairman but on a noo-executive, half-time basis. Mr Ayling, who earned £508,000 against Sir Colin's £765,000 last year, takes over all executive functions British Airways denied it was

anything other than a routine and loog-planned handover. Sir Colin has been at BA for 13 years and chairman since 1993. A spokesman said: "There are genuinely other things he wants to do and he really does feel that now is the time to hand over." Sir Colin, who will be 62 lat-

er this mooth, is taking over as deputy president of the CB1 and will be its president from next spring. He is chairman of the Marketing Council, president of the Chartered Institute of Marketing, a director of the New York Stock Exchange and a non-executive at BT and HSBC. Sir Colin's oew role will be more diplomat than executive, with a focus on global alliances, government and regulator

relationships and the European Union, where deregulation of airlines could bring new opportunities for BA from 1997.

The lightning rise of Mr Ayling, who took his first mainstream management job only four years ago as director of marketing and operations, boosted the share price 9p to 474p, though part of this was due to good results from Qantas, where BA has 25 per ceot. The job change was generally well received ahead of interim profits the City expects to be around £430m on Monday.

Mr Ayling had been head of legal services at the Department of Trade and Industry before joining British Airways, initially as legal director and then as company secretary and director of human resources. It was Sir Colin who made the approach through an intermediary.

BA rejected suggestions that the reshuffle was linked with the imminent resurfacing of the dirty-tricks row with Virgin, whose anti-trust case against BA could stretch over a couple of years, starting early next year. Sir Colin and Mr Ayling were both protagonists in the highly pub-lic battle with Richard Branson. Mr Ayling promised continuity in the airline's policy of de-



Astride the globe: Bob Ayling assumes the lead role at BA

veloping a global network. which has come under the spotlight recently because of the ups and downs of BA's relationship with USAir. First the 25 per cent owned associate lost mooey heavily, leading to a £125m write-down of the value of BA's stake, then, after recovering, the company began talks with American Airlines and United Airlines about a partnership that could end its relationship with the British carrier.

Mr Ayling said it was not clear at all that USAir would do a deal with other airlines and if possible he would wish to preserve the existing relationship. If this was not possible he wanted it replaced with an equally good relationship with

another carrier, though he declined to comment on suggestions that this would be with American, which is reported to be dropping out of the talks with USAir.

He praised the virtues of continuity and dismissed as absolute rubbish reports that he was considering dropping the

word British from the airline's name. He said the only change in his role would be spending more time on the international side of the business. Mr Ayling said: "The policy

of developing a global octwork is the right one. But it has never been easy and it is not going to he easy."

Mr O'Brien claimed yester-

day that the Alliance allegations

were a witch-hunt, "set in train

by the boardroom coup on 6

September." His response to the

allegations will be the subject of

a hearing later this month in the

Geo and Southero by National Power are both reactions to the changes looming in 199g. The two electricity generators wish to establish hilling and servicing oetworks so they can compete around the country.
Norman Askew, Midlands'

chief executive, said: "These changes will help us keep a downward pressure on prices, enable us to continue to generate funds for investment, improve customer service and realise value to shareholders. We will continue to set the henchmarks of performance for this industry."

The three new husiness units reflect the way the industry will work from 1998. They are the electricity distribution network, the basic regulated company whose wires carry the power; electricity metering, whose technology is to he critical to the new regime under which competing companies supply power to private homes;

Alliance Resources reveals damage

JOHN SHEPHERD

Alliance Resources yesterday revealed the full financial damage allegedly caused by John O'Brien, the company's deposed

chief executive.
Alliance's official 49-page statement made to the Stock Exchange yesterday detailed the findings so far of investiga-tions made by Lee & Allen, a UK firm of forensic accountants. The Serious Fraud Office is also conducting a separate

A worldwide Mareva mjunc-

tion has been obtained against Mr O'Brien freezing his assets. Alliance also intends to take legal action against several offshore companies in which Mr O'Brien has now declared interests, and against several other unnamed defendants.

Among the allegations made against Mr O'Brien, the company claims that he fraudulently claimed that the Valentine 14 well, near New Orleans, was successful on various dates between 6 June and 19

Mr O'Brien is additionally ac-

cused of negotiating a loan in fied the accounts. The auditors Jaouary 1995 from Progas warn that "because of the pos-Holdings, without disclosing that he had an interest in that company. He has admitted an interest since being sacked from the board.

Yesterday the company anoounced a loss of \$18.2m (£11.4m) for the year to April, which wiped out shareholders' funds, and losses of \$2.1m for the following five months to September.
The company's auditors from

KPMG, the chartered accountancy firm, have heavily quali-

sible effect of the limitation in evidence available to us, we are unable to form an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the loss for the year to April

and for the five-month period". The annual loss was struck after a \$16.68m write-down in the value of the group a oil and gas reserves. Results for the five months were struck after the \$350,000 cost of funding the investigation into Mr O'Brien'a al-leged fraudulent actions.

High Court, where he will attempt to have the Mareva injunction discharged Despite the financial mess,

James Prior, chairman, believes effective steps are being taken to minimise the damage.

The shares returned from suspension yesterday to close at 1.5p, valuing Alliance at £5m.

The shares returned from suspension yesterday to close at 5m. and the supply business, which sells the electricity and – in East Midlands case – gas.

The sky is no longer the limit at Harrods JOHN SHEPHERD By 1909 the Christmas stock- ing boat at £1,500, the cheap-

Mohamed Al Fayed: takeoff in store for customers

Taxi-drivers who tout for business outside the hallowed doors of Harrods in Knightsbridge are set for a nice little earner, dashing along a motorway to one of three London airports to enable the rich and famous to sample the store's new line in aviation.

Mohamed Al Fayed, the head of the family owners of Harrods, has shelled out £1m to buy Hunting Business Aviation, and an undisclosed sum for a 10-year lease oo an executive jet centre at Heathrow. Mr Al Fayed, who is never

knowingly understated and is the owner of a G4 aircraft aod Sikorsky helicopter, said: "This is a unique opportunity because this is a unique company. I have an ambitious programme perimenting with airships.

of development and no plans will be spared in making this the best company of its kind anywhere in the world."

Hunting Business Aviation operates out of Luton, Stansted and Heathrow airports. It is he-ing sold by its joint owners, Hunting and British Petroleum. The executive jet ceotre is being sold by Hunting for £7m to BAA, which will then lease it to Harrod's newly created Metro Business Aviation division.

Harrods' association with avi-ation predates the foundation of the Royal Air Force. In 1903 the huilding and decorating department at Harrods was commissioned to build an oversized shed in London's Alexander Park for a Dr Barton (no relation to Dick) who was ex-

ings at stately homes could be topped off with a toy aeroplane fresh off the shelves in Knights-bridge, and by 1917 pilots of Tiger Moths could hravely go

into a doglight over France kil-ted out in Harrods' own aviators' fur-lined overcoats - a snip at 16 guineas each - a cap lined with chamois leather and trimmed with beaver fur for 18 shillings and sixpence, and a fashionable pair of goggles for

one guinea A year after the First World War the department store went into aviation big-time, opening an aeroplane department. The advertisement in Harrod News on 7 April 1919 set out the range of goods available: "Anyone requiring a nice two-seater monoplane at £450, or a fine flyest in the country, can at once be accommodated." The monoplane, the advertisemeot added, was just 20ft 6in long - "small enough to land in

Piccadilly" - and no more expensive to keep than a "20horsepower motor car". Enthusiasm for flying among the public, however, did not ap-

pear to translate into sales. The aeroplane department was mothhalled in the early 1920s. and was not rolled out of its second-floor hangar again until 1930 when Harrods decided to repackage its acronautical of-fering by selling flying lessons and running an aeroplane hire

service. Light aeroplanes were lifted by crane to the second floor, and customers could purchase a

bottom-of-the-range Gypsy Moth for £700, and Gypsy Moth seaplanes from £900. "All prices are subject to

market fluctuations," customers were told, although, if they were short of a bob or two. Harrods would willingly "take your

car in part exchange". The department was grounded yet again when the Luftwaffe look to the skies over Europe in 1939. Harrods aviation was not revived after the Second World War.

Mr Al Fayed, though, is keeo to take Harrods to the skies once more and in true Harrods

This will be a six-star service," a spokesman said, who added that it was time to put the tiny UK executive jet business on the map.

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'After 200 years of

quietly selling upmarket jewellery to the rich and royal. Asprey has been laid low and lost its independence in little more than a decade'

A princely sum for the Asprey family silver Celling the family silver is always a painful Dusiness, but when the person doing it is John Asprey, one of the world's most famous

names in jewellery and silver, it must be doubly difficult. As always in such circumstances, there is more than a whiff of desperation about the sale, even if Mr Asprey has managed to extract a far higher price than many thought possible. It has been a long, long rise for the House of Asprey, but a depressingly rapid fall. After 200 years of quietly selling upmarket jewellery to the rich and royal, Asprey has been laid low and lost its independence in little more than a

Where did it all go wrong? One culprit was the recession, which closed the purse strings of even the most affluent of punters and made that diamond-encrusted cigar case an expendable luxury. Another was the expansion programme, which saw the group attempt to hroaden its customer base with a flurry of mid-market acquisitions. That strategy may once have had something to commend it but it looks like folly now. Its architect was Naim Attaliah, the group's flamboyant chief executive and a long-standing friend of Mr Asprey. Mr Attaliah retired yesterday, a year carlier than expected, and is likely to be paid a year's salary (£300,000 t in compensation.

But this is history. The real question is why the wealthy prince should want to huy Asprey at all and why he should pay so much.

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names. For all the recent tribulations, the | and weaknesses and to assess its relative | see benchmarking as a panacea; copy the | ing the past few days for a higger tax give Bond Street store remains a byword for dignity and taste. As the Crown jewellers, Garrard will always be a treasure. Even so, the 250p per share offer looks remarkably generous at double the previous day's closing price. No more than speculation this, but it is always possible that the view was taken that since the Brunei royal family is one of Asprey's largest customers, it might as well own the company too.

Benchmarking is not a panacea

Benchmarking is a term that, when applied to companies, might seem hardly to mer-it a thought, let alone an opinion. Among aficionados, however, it clearly stirs strong passions. To prove the point, one of the most established names in this highly specialised husiness, PIMS Associates, has launched a hitterly critical broadside against a new benchmarking service for manufacturing industry to be faunched by the CBI at its annual conference next week. In part, this is just sour grapes. The CBI service is likely to cost just £1,000 a go, while PIMS rarely charges less than £10,000 for its more sophisticated version. But there is more to it

As the word implies, to benchmark a com-

position in the world. It is a joh you might think about as exciting as being an actuary. But such is its appeal that its use has spread like topsy in recent years. More recently still, its cause has been taken up by the Department of Trade and Industry and the CBI The former CBI director general, Howard Davies - now deputy governor of the Bank of England - described it as one of the most important ideas to come out of the DTI's competitiveness programme.

A national benchmarking service - to enable Britain's small firms to compare their performance with the world's best - has just been launched by lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade. The idea is that it should complement the CBI's service, a joint venture between IBM and the London Business School, which is aimed at larger firms with more than 60 employees.

So far so good. Unfortunately, bench-

marking cannot offer miracle cures. When crudely applied it can be positively harmful, pushing husinesses in entirely the wrong direction. To compare one company with its industry leaders without accounting for market dynamics, culture and corporate structure can be highly dangerous. Competitive strategy is much more than comparing numbers. Until you establish the true drivers of performance, benchmarking against industry best practice is often of litstrengths of your successful competitors and you will fail; analyse their weaknesses and attack them there, and you will succeed.

The CBI service is certainly a modest effort - a quick self-assessment of corporate strengths and weaknesses under the guidance of an expert facilitator. It is almost curtainly true that in this area, as in so many others, you get what you pay for, whether Rolls or Renault Clio. Newcomers to benchmarking, through the DTI and CBI services, should not be fooled into thinking it will solve all their problems.

Challenge for the Chancellor

There is a new tradition to brighten up the British autumn. After Hallowe'en and Guy Fawkes Night, a month of feverish pre-Budget specutation now fills the gap until Christmas shopping can start in earnest. As the Cabinet met this week to draw the public spending round towards a close, the Treasury's panel of independent forecasters contributed its advice to Mr Clarke.

The new report from the panel confirms that a majority of the Wise Men, as prudent as their nickname implies, think there is only modest scope for tax cuts. Bigger reductions would have to be matched by bigger spending cuts, most of them agreed. However, the financial markets have been softened up dur-

away than the average economist - including most of the Treasury's panel - has heen willing to endorse. The new consensus is that we have £6-7bn in tax cuts to look forward to, rather than the cautious £3-4bn limit the City had settled on.

Yet even with expectations successfully primed, the Chancellor will still have to satisfy the markets that he is not flinging caution to the winds in an irresponsible canter towards the general election. The Government's borrowing requirement will have to continue shrinking - and credibly so. He will have to keep it heading towards balance in the medium term.

While there is little doubt that, with the spending cuts agreed by Cabinet, he will he able to make the arithmetic work, the catch is that wielding the spending are rarely works. In practice the axe is always more like a trick dagger whose hlade disappears on contact with a hard obstacle.

A control total of £260hn implies an increase in expenditure equal to about half the rate of inflation in 1996-97. Since the last election public spending has grown by about 2 per cent a year in real terms. It is not true that real government expenditure never falls. Denis Healey managed it in 1977 after the IMF crisis. So did Geoffrey Howc in 1981, in the excitement of early Thatcherism. But it is a little difficult to believe that Mr Clarke is going to meet with similar success

Bank in crisis: Embattled institution looks for merger openings as prosecutors accuse it of covering up criminal trading

Tokyo joins US in punishing Daiwa

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

Within hours of being ordered out of the US and indicted on criminal charges. Daiwa Bank was dealt a further blow with a harsh list of punitive sanctions from the Japanese government.

Japan's Ministry of Finance banned Daiwa from opening new overseas offices and ordered it to scale down its overseas lending and securities husiness. Deprived of a presence in the world's biggest financial centre, and with its reputation in tatters, the hank admitted that it has discussed the possibility of a merger with Sumitomo Bank.

In New York on Thursday the Federal Reserve Board and the $\,\,$ fice, the headquarters of its Eustate banking department gave the bank 90 days to close all its hanking operations in the US, citing "unsafe and unsound banking practices and violahons of law over an extended period of time". The order accused senior Daiwa managers of falsifying bank reports in order to conceal the losses of \$1.1bn (£690m), which were incurred over 11 years and final-

ly reported on 18 September. US prosecutors announced a

24-count criminal indictment order, but insisted that reagainst the hank, and arrested Masahiro Tsuda, the former general manager of its New York hranch, The charges, carrying a maximum fine of \$1.3bn. include conspiracy, wire and mail fraud, obstructing inspectors, falsifying records, and failure to report criminal offences.

"The message to the financial community from today's indictment should be clear and unambiguous," said Mary Jo White of the US Attorney's Office. "Law-enforcement will not tolerate financial authorities its own. The scandal has become who unlawfully attempt to mislead regulatury authorities and cover up criminal misconduct by to notify US authorities, despite

ropean operations. Peter Nishimura, the director of the Clarke, deputy general manager, said there was no information yet about cuthacks. "We have not heard anything specific yet. We are just waiting to see what happens," he said. Daiwa employs 110 people in London, with a personal Japanese customer base as well as wholesale lending operations.

At his headquarters in Osa-ka, Daiwa's president, Takashi Kaiho, accepted the closure

sponsibility for the losses lay en-tirely with Toshihide Iguchi, the New York-based trader who made the illegal trades. "Our nank is the sole victim of illicit transactions by Iguchi," he said. "We did not intend to cover it up, but our knowledge and interpretation of US laws were

somewhat inadequate."

Japan's Ministry of Finance, however, hinted that the bank had covered up the losses and acknowledged for the first time that it made serious mistakes of a serious embarrassment to ministry bureaucrats who failed their employees, she said. learning of the losses six weeks
At Daiwa Bank's London of before they were made public.

Yesterday Yoshimas ministry's banking hureau, agreed that he "should have taken into account the characteristic American attitude" and notified authorities earlier. Daiwa's 18 US offices, and

the subsidiary Daiwa Bank Trust Co, made \$30bn in operating profits last year. Mr kaiho said the bank may close its branches in Seoul and Taiwan, and reduce operations in London, with a cost of 2,600 jobs.



Victim: Takashi Kaiho (right), Daiwa's president yesterday, who said the bank's 'knowledge and interpretation of US laws were somewhat inadequate' Photograph: Reuter

Fed will face Senate hearing

DAVID USBORNE

As the gravity of the latest charges in the Daiwa bond trading scandal reverberated through the American political and financial system yesterday, the US Senate prepared to hold special hearings on the affair later this month.

Federal Reserve officials. possibly including the chairman, Alan Greenspan, will be quizzed at the hearings over what exactly happened at Daiwa, why it went undetected for so long and on what steps will he taken to prevent any similar scandals.

Most worrying have been the lengths to which Daiwa went to conceal its breach of a direct order from US regulators to sepities. In what sounds more like a tale from the speakeasies of the Prohibition era, it is alleged that whenever US bank examiners were due to visit the downtown hranch, Daiwa managers would temporarily send the traders up to the midtown office and disguise their trading floor as a store room. When the inspectors were gone, the trading desks and computers would he unwrapped and re-booted.

According to the US gov-erament, Daiwa Bank not only allowed two months to pass from the moment of the initial confession of Toshihide Iguchi the former Daiwa vice president charged with losing \$1.1hn - but sought ways to help Mr Iguchi conceal what happened and cover his tracks.

Mr Iguchi was invited, for example, to a secret meeting with managers from New York and Osaka at the Park Lane Hotel in Manhattan on 28 July, when it was agreed that nothing would be said to the US authorities until the end of November, when the hank's interim results were due. Mr Iguchi was later told to erase from his computer the evidence of his letter of confession.

It has been more than a ate its New York hranch's month since the arrest of Mi bond trading from other activ- lguchi, whose illegal bond trades over 11 years have disgraced one of Japan's largest hanks.

Momentum for a Congressional hearing was launched hy Senator Alfonse D'Amato. the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee. He said yesterday that hearings had hecome necessary once it became clear that Mr Iguehi had not acted as a rogue trader, as Daiwa had originally claimed.

IN BRIEF

Dalepak merger agreement

Frozen-food manufacturer Dalepak Foods and Cavaghan & Gray, one of Marks & Spencer's largest food suppliers, have agreed to merge in what amounts to a reverse takeover of the quoted Dalepak. The deal values Cavaghan & Gray at about £43.4m compared with Dalepak's market value of £12.3m. Future development of the compared with Dalepak's market value of £12.3m. pared with Datepak's market value of £12.5m. Future development of the enlarged group, as well as repayment of some borrowings, will be funded by a placing and open offer of up to 14.3 million new Dalepak shares at 105p to raise about £13m. Under the open offer, qualifying Dalepak shareholders are being offered 31 new Dalepak shares for every 25 they own.

Smurfit refinancing package

Jefferson Smurfit is to issue up to \$500m (£316m) of long-dat-ed deht to refinance borrowings. The offering is the Irish paper and paperboard manufacturer's first in the US public-deht markets and follows the listing of the company's ADRs representing its shares on the New York market during the summer.

PîzzaExpress growth continues

PizzaExpress, the restaurant owner, said at the company's annual general meeting yesterday that recent turnover had been 30 per cent ahead of this time last year. In more mature restaurants, over three years old, sales had risen 4 per cent, and margins had remained satisfactory. PizzaExpress intends to have five new restanrants open before the half-year results announcement in February 1996. The shares closed 13p higher at 206p.

Hyundai targets Maxtor

Hyundai, the Korean electronics group, said it plans to spend \$223m acquiring the 63 per cent stake that it does not own in the US's Maxior Corporation as part of its plan to become the world's largest hard-disk-drive manufacturer within 10 years. Hyundai said it plans to expand its annual disk-drive production capacity to 8 million units by 2000, with sales forecast to be \$1.6bn per year by then.

Hozelock confident

Hozelock said its trading has continued to meet expectations since its interims and expressed confidence in the full-year result. The comments and expressed confidence in the fun-year result. The comments accompanied a circular sent to shareholders seeking approval for the purchase of freehold land next to its factory at approval for the purchase to huild a distribution centre.

Efamol supplement launch

Sma Holdings subsidiary Efamol has launched Efalex, a nutritional supplement formulated to improve night vision in dyslexis and the lirst supplement of its kind on the market. Scotia's shares closed up lower at 052p.

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Signs of recovery at Cordiant

When the terms of a rights issue cause a rise in the compa-ny's share price, you can assume that the cash call has been priced to succeed. The market iked the look of Cordiant's £127m one-for-one rights issue, pitched at 60p a share. The stock rose 8p to 92p on news of the issue yesterday, to the re-

lief of Cordiant's management.
If successful, the issue will allow Cordiant more or less to wipe out its borrowings. Moreover, a restructuring of debt fa-cilities gives Cordiant far better terms for future credit: only 1.5 percentage points over Libor. rather than the current three.

In exchange Cordiant is making some extravagant promises: that revenues will grow by at least as much as those in its peer group (integrated, global advertising companies) and that profit margins will improve markedly, rising to "double digits" in the course of 1998.

One can assume that such margins are within reach: other companies (witness WPP) are on their way there already; moreover, the advertising market is improving, and most analysis expect an even better 1996, in both the US and Britain, thanks to likely monetary loosening in the lead-up to elections and a rise in consumer confidence and ad spend.

The question is: can Cordiant, dogged with high-profile problems of recent months founder Maurice Saatchi's departure, the defection of key ad accounts such as Dixons, Mars and British Airways, restructuring costs of £50m this year) really ride the recovery?

nuncial restructuring and a

If not, investors might want to think twice about subscribing to the rights issue. But if the new management changes, fi-

a 60p price at which to top up year's earnings. That's not holdings will probably took a cheap but Cordiant has all the bargain-basement entry level in signs of a good recovery stock. a few months,

So how good is current management? Certainty, Bob Seet- Casuals bid ert has convinced many at Cordiant that he has the contacts in the US (the company's main market) to improve business prospects there. A back-tered its final phase yesterday

been turned. Profits might be have as much information as as high as £43m in 1996, after they are going to get. the current year's £5m (deci- At first sight, Mr Shannon is mated by write-offs for the re- offering a welcome escape from structuring). Earnings per share what has proved a dud invest-

the past few months are enough in 1996 of 5.3p a share would to convince the doubters, then put the shares on 17 times next

ground in consumer products is after former chairman John helpful for anyone trying to woo Shannon said he would not inad clients. Secondly, many have crease his 140p a share offer "in been impressed by Mr Seelert's any circumstances". His un-promise to exchange all his usual statement means he can-net proceeds from a \$160,000 nol make a higher offer for the bonus into Cordiant shares, women's clothes retailer even if That would be an expensive ges- a white knight should now ture if he didn't feel confident. emerge. In the absence of an-The corner may well have other bidder, shareholders now

Cordiant: at a glance Market value: £408m, share price 92p Five-year record 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 Share price Annora (Cm) 7.25 S.EE 3.07 4.26 S.S. Pro-less profits (Em) 35.6 52.1 595 19.2 32.4 ik il in dan en anner £m

130p just over three years ago. A profits warning in September last year sent the shares to 82p at one stage, halving Country Casuals' market capitalisation, and prompt-

ed Mr Shannon's departure. If the bid now fails, the shares are likely to fall back nearer to the 1140 at which they stood before Mr Shannon's interest became known carly tast month. However, there is weight to the man-

agement's arguments that the performance of the company has improved since it parted company with Mr Shannon. Many of the company's problems have stemmed from

diversifications into formats for younger and larger women made while he was in charge. The former business has now been sold and stripping out losses at the latter, the Elvi outsize format being retained. would leave underlying profits of perhaps £3.5m. If successful, Mr Shannon would therefore be picking up the core Country Casuals and Lerose manufacturing operahons on a p/e of around 11. Thus far, Mr Shannon's hid

vehicle. Ciro Holdings, has won acceptances from 34 per cent of Country Casual's shareholders. Excluding his own 18.8 per cent holding and the 13.3 per cent of PDFM, the fund managers with whom he is acting, that represents acceptance by only 1.9 per cent of the formerly uncommitted shareholders.

The bid is hardly generous, but the outcome could be close given that institutions may not have sufficient faith in the remaining management to stay aboard. Holders wishing to take no chances should sell in the market.





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market report/shares

Gap between London and Wall Street yawns wider FT-SE 100 3,500.4 -22.6 FT-SE 250 3,873.7 -13.1 FT-SE 350

SE 100 index gave up 22.6 points the Dow Jones Average. 1,742.7 -10.1 in early trading, made further **SEAQ VOLUME** 755.3m shares,

The 1,300-plus points difference between the two markets is, many stuckbrokers believe, the widest recorded and illustrates the uoderperformance of London

At one time Loodon clung fiercely in New York's coattails, mirroring its moods and movements. Some of that attitude still prevails. New York's record-breaking display overnight sent Footsie romp-

ng ahead in early trading. But the enthusiasm soon petered out. With futures-led index ended at 3,500.4.

The yawning gap between London and New York grows even more baffling. As the FTtailers received in the wake of the J Sainsbury profits disap-pointment, attention turned to

the food manufacturers. As the supermarkets strive to hold their margins in the price war they will squeeze the producers; so profit down-

gradings were in the air. Associated British Foods, reporting soon, crumbled 20p to 688p and Dalgety gave up 20p to 401p. Bunkers, Hillsdown and Northern Foods also fell

The supermarket chains remained weak, with Sainsbury off 7p at 384p. One of the few sparks of retail joy was pro-vided by Asprey, the up-market jeweller, as Prince Jerfri Bolkiah of Brunei launched a

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

Allied Domecq, with results

due oo Tuesday, tumbled 11.5p to 494.5p. Matthew Nayler at Williams de Broe describes

the shares as "too cheap to sell,

too disappointing to buy, hold

and hope". He forecasts prof-

its of £560m, down from

Cordiant, the debt-ladeo advertising ageocy, duly produced a 60p rights issue, lifting the shares 8p to 92p.

But Ladbroke, the betting

and hotel group, stumbled to

Stock market reporter of the year

im figures on Monday, rose 9p to 474p on the appointment of Robert Ayling as chief executive. P&O progressed 9p to 495p oo divideod yield considerations and a James Capel move from sell to hold.

Standard Chartered re-mained firm, up 4p at 521p, oo takeover talk and National Westminster Bank continued to reflect the rich rewards it is expected to receive from its US arm. The shares gained 9p to

638p.
Electricities were firm on the clearance of the Norweb bid:

betting side is thought to be un-

der growing pressure.
There are also suggestions that Ladbroke plans a big acquisition. It is still thought to want to increase its casino spread and a deal to take over some Hilton Hotels in the US is believed to be on the group's

Glazo Wellcome fell 20p to 851p on rumours that it had a £1.5bn tax bill to settle following the Wellcome deal earlier this year. More than 33 millioo shares were traded, with Merrill Lynch said to have encountered difficulty

placing a 2.5 million line.

Bluebird, the toys group, held at 359p; rumours persist that the US toys group Hasbro is continuing to stake-build and could soon have as much

gold miner that is in bid talks,

rose a further 7p to 82p. Rhino, the computer games retailer, had an eventful time, retailer, had an eventua time, jumping 7.5p to 18p. Volume approached 4 millioo shares with one deal, for 500,000, completed at 23p. Trading in the nil paid rights is due to start oo Tuesday. Electronics Boutique, a US group with more than 400 video shops, is supporting Rhipo. It has 25 per porting Rhino. It has 25 per cent of the company and backed the 8p-a-share rights is-sue, which raised £9m. Cen-

treGold, a computer games group, improved 8p to 77p as bid talk resurfaced. Mid States, running car part outlets in the US, fell 3.5p to 37.5p following a profits fall. UK Safety lost 11p to 19p af-

ter a profit warning.

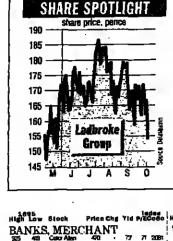
Carlisle, once a financial group, now deep into proper-ty, could be on the verge in changing its spots again. Its next involvement could take it into mobile telephones and there is talk of a deal with The Peoples Phone Co, which is 35 per cent owned by the merchant bank Singer &

TAKING STOCK

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Friedlander. Carlisle is headed by the entrepreneur Nigel Wray, whose interests embrace the Burford property group. There is a feeling that Carlisle may be prepared to sell its property side to Bur-ford. Its shares held at

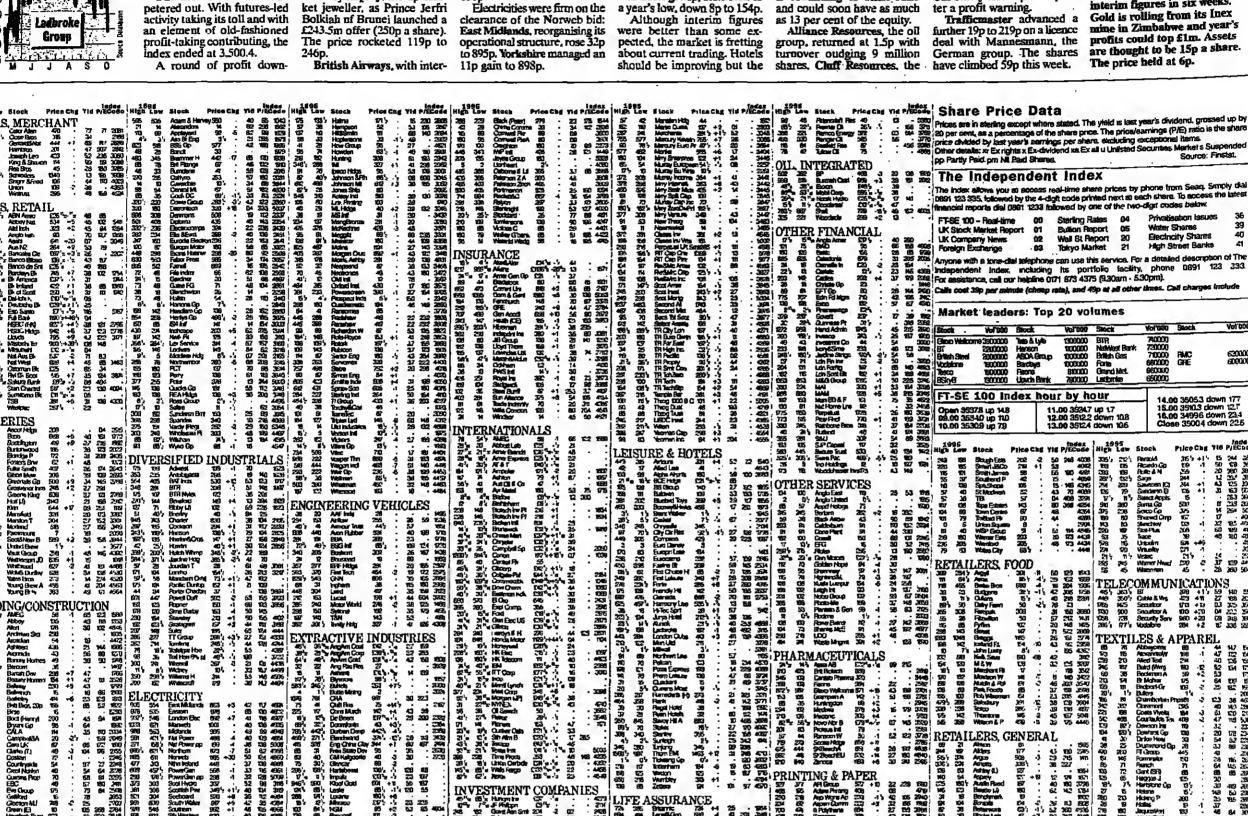
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Holyfield's mysterious (motivation

Ken Jones considers the reasons why the American keeps getting into the ring

rieh from boxing that he will shortly take possession of property huilt for him near Atlanta at a cost of more than \$10m (£6.5m), Evander Holyfield has paid attention to hazards that exist in the professional ring. "The awful things that happen from time to time make you think," he said this week, while preparing for a third contest against Riddick Bowe at Caesars Palace in Las

Vegas tonight. That Holyfield remains undeterred hy the numbing regularity of boxing tragedies after exceeding \$100m in Career earnings is as mysterious as sport

Can get. Three years ago. Holyfield took such punish- feel we are the best, and the best ment from Bowe when losing the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation championships that his then trainer, Lou Duva of Main Events, advised immediate retirement, "Evander was rich and had nothing left to prove," Duva said, "but the warrior instinct is so strong that he ignored our advice."

Sins 17-ans

Within 12 months, Holyfield had regained the titles from Bowe in another hard bout that was sensationally interrupted when a paraglider crashed into the Caesars Palace ring.

Despite suspicions of a heart condition that arose after a Sluggish loss to Michael Moorer in April last year. Holyfield came back again to defeat Ray Mercer. Astonishingly, he in-

In the course of becoming so tends having three more contests before going into permanent retirement. "I want the

titles back," he said. None are at stake tonight (Bowe is not putting up his World Boxing Organisation crown), but both men argue the winner will be able to claim supremacy in the division. "Mike Tyson hasn't re-established himself, so I don't think there is any argument," Bowe said.

"The people who know boxing know who the hest guys are. There aren't any secrets in this business. You can talk all you want, but when the bell rings there's only the two of us in the ring and everybody can see what happens, I should fight for the champi-

As it is usual today for fighters to ignore the curious dignities upheld in boxing history. Bowe and Holyfield are to be commended for their behaviour in preparation.

In fact, no animosity exists between them. Holyfield was recently a guest at Bowe's home in Maryland, and the interview they shared on television this week was notable for its good humour. "As both fights were close, I don't think I deserved to lose my titles in the first one and you were entitled to keep them in the second." Holyfield said.

This does not alter the widespread impression that Holyfield has fought more often than the dictates of common



Boxing clever: Riddick Bowe (left) and Evander Holyfield share a joke ahead of tonight's fight in Las Vegas

there is no direct evidence of mental impairment, people worry over him. "Unfortunately, very few fighters know when to give up," said Dick Sadler. who managed the first phase of George Foreman's career. "No matter how clear decline becomes, they always believe there

At Sadler's side stood the great former light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore, who was probably close to his 50th year when knocked out by a young Cassius Clay and remains hright in old age. "Different," Sadler said on Moore's behalf. "Archie was so cunning that opponents found him difficult to

is another one in there."

ity, but I've never seen him in a fight when punches weren't rattling into his head. In the long term, he may suffer for it."

Time throws up the disturb-

ing images of bouts against two moderate heavyweights, Alex Stewart and Bert Cooper, who hoth scrambled Holyfield's senses temporarily before succumbing to his blows. The remarkable strength of

Holyfield's will persuades many to fear for his safety. "When you think of all his millions, all that land he owns, it is impossible to understand why Evanderwants to continue hoxing." Duva said Holyfield's many admirers

sense make advisable. Even if hit, Holyfield doesn't lack abil- felt further apprehension when nent. "I can't helieve Evander Bowe stripped off for Thursday's weigh-in to reveal impressive results of the disciplines he has not always observed in training. In ominously good shape, Bowe, at

> Since Bowe, 28, is also five years younger, he has understandably been made an oddson favourite. However, Holyfield is convinced that he can produce another great effort. The fight definitely won't go 12 rounds and I'll be the victor," he said.
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> The statement, unusual in

17st 2lb, will have a 27lb weight

that Holyfield draws the line at boasting, surprised his oppo-

made that remark," he said. "It just isn't like him. But I guess he's just whistling past the grave-

yard. It ain't going to happen."
All things considered, especially the many gruelling assignments Holyfield has undertaken in a 32-fight professional career that shows just two defeats, Bowe can be expected to stop Holyfield in the later rounds.

Holyfield's eagerness to stand toe to toe with everyone could lead to an early end of violent proceedings. "If Evander. stands in front of Bowe soaking up that hig jab and the right hands that follow, the roof will come in on him." Duva said.

Photograph: Alisport

In speaking of the urge that keeps Holyfield in the ring, his trainer, Don Turner, said. "He's rich enough to air-condition hell." That is what makes it all so inexplicable.

Frank Bruno can go ahead with his WBC title defence against Mike Tyson. A high court judge threw out an injunction which Lennox Lewis sought to serve to stop the fight on the grounds that he was the rightful challenger. The court ruled that Lewis could not choose to be bound only by those WBC rules that suited his case. If all WBC rules were applied, the judge rules, then Lewis' claim that he should fight Bruno

Hussain leads his men to victory

Cricket

England A 168 Pakistan Cricket Board XI 161 England A win by seven runs

Nasser Hussain led from the front as England A chalked up victory with a seven-run defeat of the Pakistan Cricket Board XI in Thatta yesterday.

Hussain's captain's innings of 64 was the backbone of England A's total of 168 all out off 44.3 overs, the match being reduced from 50 to 45 overs per side. The hosts were bowled out for 161 with eight balls left.

Yorkshire's Andrew McGrath and Hussain put on 71 for the second wicket, while Lancashire's Jason Gallian scored 28 off just 35 deliveries but, with prolific batsmen Ghulam Alí, Ejaz Ahmed Jar, Mahmood Hamid and Zafar lobal in their line-up. the PCB side still looked favontites. However only the opener Mohammad Ramzan, who top scored with 34, seemed to have the stomach for the fight.

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Manchester gets Commonwealth nod

Sports politics MIKE ROWBOTTOM

little more than a pat on the head for successive Olympic hids, finally closed its jaws on a piece of the action vesterday when it was confirmed as host city for the 2002 Common-

wealth Games. The unanimous verdict of the Commonwealth Games Federation meeting in Bermuda was broadcast live on Manchester's Metro Link travel system and in the Arndale Centre. The news also came direct to the town hall in Albert Square. where it lit the blue touchpaper

Basketball

DUNCAN HOOPER

1993, when the decision to Manchester, which has received award the 2000 Olympics to Syd-major Games in the north-west. ney turned Manchester's street party into a wake, the planned celebrations this time around have been more measured. Despite the absence of any rival - neither Adelaide nor Cape

> not a little enjoyment. lief and whoopee," said the soundbite-friendly figure of Bob

Town followed through the interest they expressed last year - it was done with panache, and "It's a feeling of delight, re-

Scott - now transmogrified to Sir Robert - who has led all three of Manchester's bids for major

to what was officially described events. Part of the reason for as "a short firework display". Adelaide and Cape Town's with-After the huge anticlimax of drawal from the fray was the advanced state of readiness for a

Their Olympic efforts mean they have already huilt a velodiome and an indoor arena, and a site is cleared and ready for a stadium in the centre of the city. Whether that, rather than Wembley, will turn out to be the national stadium is something the Sports Council will decide over the next three to six months.

The Sports Council's chief executive, Derek Casey, reiterated the commitment to providing sufficient facilities. We will play our part to ensure that the Games are successful," he said.

isfaction that was felt within the made a loss of over £10m. leader of Manchester City

Council, said that a long-term

ambition had been fulfilled

"through strong partnerships between the private and public sector and sports organisations." Stringer is confident there will be no repeat of the nightmarish occurrences the last time the Games came to these shores, in Edinburgh nine years ago. The

The Minister for Sport, Iain For all the intervection of the Sproat, welcomed what he de-scribed as "the right choice". late Rohert Maxwell, which eventually took the form of aplate Robert Maxwell, which The fact that it was the only choice did not diminish the sat-

"We are extremely confident of the viability of the operating hudget we have proposed," Stringer said, "It has been subjected to the closest scrutiny from all parties involved and contracts have now been drawn up and agreed. The continued development of the Commonwealth, including the admission of South Africa, together with the huoyancy of broadcasting rights 1986 Games were diminished by and sponsorship, means that we persistent rain and boycotts by can look forward confidently to a succession of African countries. at least a hreak-even position.

Guildford's coach has work cut out

Hockey

lan Jennings, Guildford's player-coach, who scored four times in their 7-1 win at Bournville last Sunday, has two important, team commitments today.

In the only men's National eague match of the day he will be focusing on second-placed Guildford's performance against fifth-placed Southgate. Jennings will then move on to Slough where the women's Premier League champions meet thirdplaced Ipswich.

The Great Britain players, who fly out to South Africa tomorrow for the Olympic qualfrom all the League games.
Today, Ipswich replace the
Great Britain goalkeeper. Jo
Thompson, with Nikky Osborne.

her first League game since the birth of her second child. The current leaders, Clifton, travel to Balsam Leicester where both sides will be under strength.

and welcome back Tracy Fry for

month.

the sport's World Council in Paris stripped the Toyota team and their drivers of all points in this year's championship. The International Automobile Federation president, Max Mos-

ley, said the team's illegal turbo restrictor was "the most sophisticated device I've ever seen in 30 years of motor sports.", Toyota will not be able to com-

pete in the World Championship until the RAC Rally next November, although team drivers, the reigning world champion Didier Auriol, of France, Juha Kankkupen, of Finland, and Germany's Armin Schwartz. could compete for other teams.

drivers were aware of what was going on," Mosley said.

Toyota team pick up a one-year ban

The Toyota team were vesterday banned from the World Championship for one year for using illegal turbo restrictors in the Catalonia Rally in Spain last

An extraordinary meeting of

"There is no suggestion the Auriol, who finished fourth in

the Catalonia Rally before being disqualified, and Kankkunen had beeo in contention

for this year's world title. Mosley said Toyota had beeo represented at yesterday's hearing but had not contested the il-

legality of their action. "They said the decision had been made at a certain level of the team and that the management had not known about it," he said. "It's not up to us to accept that or not. The team has to take responsibility."

TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of first-class rugby union clubs who still use letters for identification on their shirts and not figures. Bristol are now the only team following Leicester's decision yesterday to break with a tradition that stretches back 70 years.

and the likelihood of the **QUOTES OF** THE WEEK

English basketball retreats into

the Budweiser League this

weekend in the aftermath of all

five entrants being dumped out

of European club competitions

Yes, I was stupid - yes, was greedy. If it was offered me again I would definitely say 'no, no, no ." George Graham, the former Arsenal manager, comes clean on the bung scandal.

We're still not great, very good, or good even, but it has improved each game. Ray Harford, Blackburn manager, on his side's exit from Europe. Devon has one great asset - his pace - but the rest of his cricket is a nonentity. Peter Lever, England's bowling coach, unravels the enigma that is Devon Malcolm. I've just been out here for a few months in the civilised world and I'm still pretty confused about what I am doing in general. Mike Tyson on life after prison.

It's a challenge I don't pur-

ticuarly need. Jonathan Davies, on his return to rugby union from rugby league. If people want to watch it on televisioo they might as well stay at home. Most of my players were watching it too! Kevin Keegan, the Newcaslle manager, complaining about Spurs' giant television. He will move like a gazelle. He will sense when the rhinos are coming. Wilf Mannion, the 77-year-old former Middiesbrough favourite, on Juninho's Premiership prospects.
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No place like home for the beleaguered English clubs

159-128 aggregate defeat in Ostend this week meant no English club lasted beyond the qualifying rounds, despite their largest-ever representation. Towers' coach, Kevin Cadle, is

the league's most experienced foreign campaigner, from spells national team. His club, making

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their European debut this season lost because few of his players could cope with a packed, partisan and intimidating crowd in Turkey. "English players are not used to the crowd and the noise," he said, "and they won't cope in these situations until they have with Kingston, Guildford and the more exposure to this intensity of competition."

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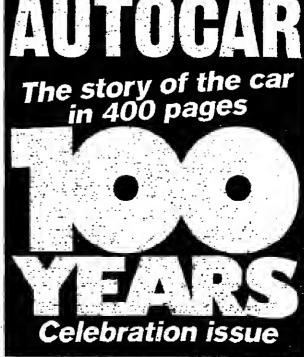
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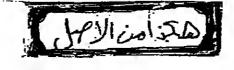
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Rusedski rouses old resentment

JOHN ROBERTS

Rusedski. The British No 1 was ordered off the Centre Court after his match at the Guardian Direct National Championships yesterday by Alan Mills, the Wimhledon referee, because his autograph-signing was de-laying the proceedings. What a wonderful development that is for the domestic game.

Much has changed for the good since Rusedski forsook Canada and hrought his hig serve and huge smile to his mother's birthplace, not least that the other British players become highly motivated when they have an opportunity to take

Mark Petchey, who headed the welcoming committee when Rusedski made his dehut as a Brit by defeating him in three

Queen's Cluh five months ago reports from Telford

-"he wanted to make a good impression, and I'm glad I didn't let him" – is delighted to be in an occupational hazard for Greg

a position to repeat himself in the semi-finals here today. The resentment caused by

sets in the first round of the Stel-

la Artois Championships at

Rusedski's recruitment has "petered out", Petchey emphasised, and it was never meant to be personal. "But I still stand by what I said," he added. "Greg's Greg, and you want to make a poiot when you play against him. He's that sort of character, a confident guy who projects himself well. It's a male ego thing. When you get someone as confident as that, everybody wants to beat him. When he's "on" he's unhelievable. He has to project himself the way he does. It depends what type of person you are. That sort of

thing can get in your face." The other semi-final brings together the 33-year-old defending champion Jeremy Bates.

Courier in last four

California.

Jim Courier was back to his best when he scored a straight sets victory over fellow-American Michael Chang to secure a meeting with Pete Sampras in today's semi-finals of the Paris

Courier, the former world No 1 and the sixth seed, beat the fourth seed 6-2, 7-6 with a devastating array of baseline strokes. "I've done well at the French Open hut never here, so this win is special," said Courier, who triumphed at Roland-Garros in 1991 and 1992,

Sampras, the top seed who has yet to drop a set, disposed of the 30-year-old, unseeded Swiss Jakoh Hlasek 6-2, 6-3.

Courier broke his Chang's serve for a 5-3 lead in the first set and wrapped up the set in 35 minutes. Chang also fell 5-3 behind in the second set but then managed to hreak Courier to force a tie-break. An ace on his first serve and a smash on match point allowed Courier to take it 7-5.

Lindsay Davenport took a small step forward after a dismal slump by beating Tami

the second round of the Bank of the West Classic in Oakland,

"I didn't come in here with a lot of confidence and when you don't have that, you don't know what shots to hit," said Davenport, who is seeded third.

The 19-year-old Davenport,

the highest ranked Americanborn player in women's tennis, came into the tournament not having won a match in two months. The last time she reached a semi-final was when she won at Strasbourg in May. Steffi Graf, in New York to prepare for the WTA Tour Championships at Madison Square Garden, has revealed the effect her father's troubles with the tax man have had on her game. "Probably for the first time in my life there were times that I felt I didn't want to be out there (on court)," she said. "I couldo't coocentrate and obviously when you can't concentrate you start not to play well. I just felt I shouldo't he

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who is competing in his last Nationals after winning the title on six occasions, and his doubles partner, the 21-year-old Tim Henman. "It's a good showdown for the tournament." Bates said. underlining the point that the top four seeds have advanced to last four for the first time since the championships began in 1983.

Yesterday, Rusedski defeated the 19-year-old Luke Milligan, of Middlesex, 6-4, 6-2. Petchey, the fourth seed, was stretched by Kent's Colin Beecher, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. Henman, the third seed, eliminated the 18-year-old Jamie Delgado, 6-2, 7-6, and Bates, the No 2, beat the seventh-seeded Barry Cowan, of Lancashire, 6-2, 7-6.

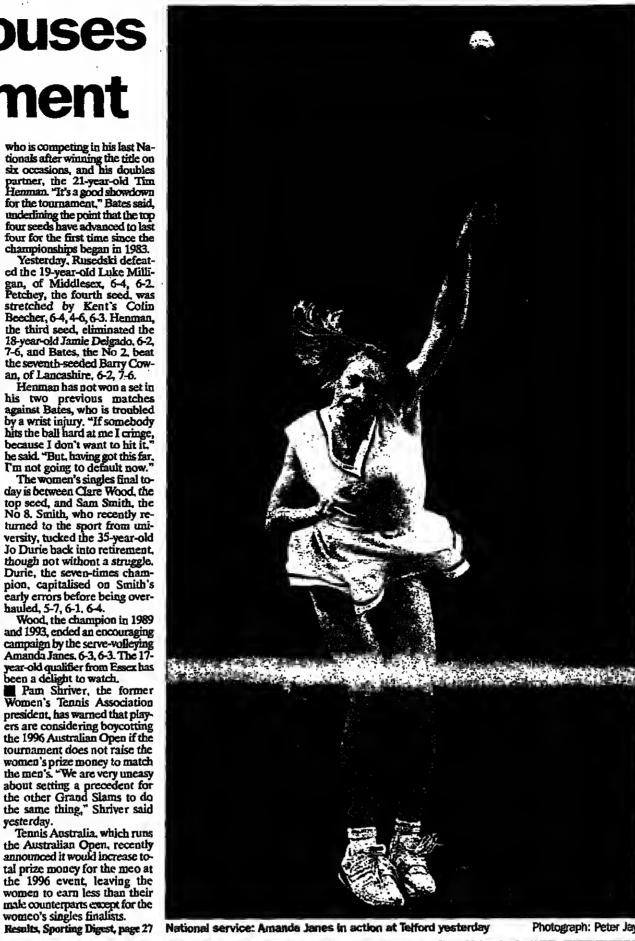
Henman has not won a set in his two previous matches ites, who is troubled by a wrist injury. "If somebody hits the ball hard at me I cringe, because I don't want to hit it." he said. "But, having got this far, I'm not going to default now."

The women's singles final today is between Clare Wood, the top seed, and Sam Smith, the No 8. Smith, who recently returned to the sport from uni-versity, tucked the 35-year-old Jo Durie back into retirement, though not without a struggle. Durie, the seven-times champion, capitalised on Smith's early errors before being overhauled, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

Wood, the champion in 1989 and 1993, ended an encouraging campaign by the serve-volleying Amanda Janes, 6-3, 6-3. The 17year-old qualifier from Essex has been a delight to watch.

Pam Shriver, the former Women's Tennis Association president, has warned that players are considering boycotting the 1996 Australian Open if the tournament does not raise the women's prize money to match the men's. "We are very uneasy about setting a precedent for the other Grand Slams to do the same thing," Shriver said

Tennis Australia, which runs the Australian Open, recently announced it would increase total prize money for the meo at the 1996 event, leaving the women to earn less than their male counterparts except for the womeo's singles finalists.



Photograph: Peter Jay

Carditt busy accommodating the prodigal son

middling Welsh First Division fixture against Aberavon to be so sharp a focus of attention not until Tuesday, anyway. Then all of a sudden, the repatriation of Jonathan Davies from rugby league made it a his-

Interesting, is it not, that the presence of one man should persuade a cluh to defer a match for 24 hours to Sunday and summon live TV, especially when you consider that man

born-again union player.

There are many assumptions being made, the first being that Davies will seamlessly fit into the old code - whether it be at full-hack, where he plays to-morrow, or outside-half, where he represented Wales in his previous incarnation. Next is that he will as easily go on to play again for Wales, perhaps even as captain.

Spare a thought, then, for Adrian Davies, Cardiff outside-

Cardiff had not expected their comehack training session as a Steve Bale on the historic repatriation of Jonathan Davies to rugby union

ternational player. "I'm not in the firing-line any more than anyone else in the backs," he insisted.

international wherever he plays. It's a positive move for Welsh

is - not been so keen to return home, he might well have been

who expressed interest at an half-way point. But of equal early stage hut could not convince him of the irresistible delights of London, Today Quins, their advances also rebuffed by the England lock, Martin Bayfield, play Leicester at The

Stoop.
The Tigers' chances improved with yesterday's with-drawal of Quins' luckless David Pears, who missed out to Mike Catt, of Bath, in this week's England outside-half selection.

Catt, too, is injured, so misses the game at Sale, where a win will maintain the leaders' 100 per concern to Bath is the predatory activity of their former Eng-land scrum-half, Richard Hill, in his new capacity as Gloucester's director of coaching.
The Kingsholm club have es-

tablished a fighting fund of in-determinate size to seduce new players, though the retention of the 120-day qualifying period would minimise their contribution to Gloucester's fight against relegation. Hill's past connection made his old cluh an obvious target, and Jonathan Callard, Richard Butland and Eric Peters are thought to be targets.

upper h Hetherington angry at secret talks

Rugby League

Kath Hetherington, the Rugby League president, yesterday criticised the British Amateur Rugby League Association chief executive, Maurice Ol-droyd, over secret talks he held with the Australian Rugby

League.
Hetherington is annoyed that the behind-closed-doors approach took place while she was conducting unification talks with Barla on behalf of the RFL which, as a Super League organisation, is in opposition to

"I followed Maurice Lindsay and Rodney Walker as the RFL negotiator with high expecta-tions that I could achieve peace in our long-running dispute with Barla," said Hetherington. "I can now understand the problems and frustrations that they have experienced for most of that time.

When we heard about the talks hetween Mr Oldroyd and the ARL, I faxed him, but didn't get a response. I then phoned Mr Oldroyd and he ad-mitted that he had undertaken talks with the ARL.

"I find this extremely hard to understand when I am doing everything in my power to find a satisfactory solution to our problems.

Meanwhile, there was some consolation for England who, despite heing beaten in the final, had five players selected in

nament XIII - two more than the champions, Australia. A panel of journalists and coaches picked the hooker. Lee Jackson, the second rower, Denis Betts, and the loose forward, Andrew Farrell, in

winger, Jason Robinson, and the Bradford centre, Paul Newlove, were selected. The Australians chosen for the select side were Brad Fittler, as stand-off, Mark Carroll,

the pack. In the hacks the

the prop, and the second row-er. Steve Menzies. Wales's full-back Iestyn Harris was selected as the hest No 1, with their top try-scorer in the tournament, Anthony Sullivan, picked on the wing. The main surprise in the selection was the non-appearance of Australia's Andrew Johns.

who was voted player of the tournament. CENTENARY WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT XIII: Harris (Wal); Robinson (Eng., Newlove (Eng.) Blackmore (I/Z), Sullivan (Wal); Fittler (Aus), Lam (Papua New Guinea), Carroll (Aus), Jackson (Eng., Wastley (Papua New Guinea), Betts (Eng., Menzies (Aus), Farrell (Eng.).

Blackpool Gladiators have signed the 21-year-old Perth Western Reds centre, Graeme Shield, in a quest to hoost their hopes of regaining their place in the professional ranks. Shield, whose mother was horn in Scotland, will stay with Blackpool until the end of the season. The Lancashire club - who are currently competing in the Al-liance - have applied to join the Second Division when the sumthe Centenary World Cup tour- mer season starts in March.

Eagles land Dixon to bolster squad

Sheffield Eagles have finally got their man - after 11 years, writes Dave Hadfield. Paul Dixon, signed for £20,000 from Bradford Bulls, is due to make his debut against Oldham tomorrow, hut he could have joined the club in his early 20s rather than his early 30s.

The Eagles' coach and chairman, Gary Hetherington, was Hnddersfield's captain when against London Broncos. Dixon made his professional debut there and tried to sign him when he launched the new cluh

a couple of seasons later. We ran out of money, hut I've hrought him here at last," said Hetherington of the former Great Britain forward, 33, who has also played for Halifax and Leeds. "He is still very fit and strong and will add the experience that we need alongside our

good young players."
The need for that sort of influence is apparent from Sheffield's position at the foot of the Championship, but victory tomorrow could take them above both Oldham and Workington, who are at home to Bradford. Sheffield must wait until

three Fijians, signed during the World Cup. However, Danny McAllister, a prop from the South Queensland Crushers. will make his first appearance along with Dixoo.

Castleford's captain. Lee Crooks, is likely to be out for a further week with a hand injury. but Adrian Flynn and Colin Maskill are back from suspension

For the Broncos, the task is clear. They must hring their defence up to the level of their attack after scoring 34 points but conceding 50 against St Helens in midweek – a defensive display that their captain, Terry Matterson, called "embarrassing".

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In the First Division, the leaders Keighley are at home to Featherstone Rovers. Widnes. whose recurring cash-flow prob-lems could force them to sell John Devereux to Warrington. are at Rochdale Hornets.

Warrington, who have the weekend off, want Devereux as a replacement for Jonathan Davies, while another Widnes Welshman, Adrian Hadley, says he has not been paid by the club Tuesday for the arrival of their and wants to go hack to union.

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Course is on A1, Sin N of town. Metro service to Four Lane Ends from Newcastle station. But wervice from there. ADMISSION: Chin S14 (OAPs 56, 18 to 20-year-olds 55, under-16s free); Tattersalls 59 (OAPs 54); Silver Ring S4. CAR PARKE: Free. WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN IN ATS: Stay Awake (2.16) won at Selso on Saturday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Copper Mine (2.45) sent 284m by O Shelson distribute. Berks; The Boiler White (2.45) sent 234m by T Thomson Jones from Lambourn, Berks.

1.10 ESF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFIER) (CLASS E) £2,800 added 2m - 3 declaret BETTING: 4-7 Tota Brodle, 7-4 Salvo, 14-1 Dark Buoy 1.40 TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 110yds 0244-11 SUPERTOP (1) (0) (Lungo 7 12 0 ()441-14 ANOTHER NCK (21) J Hudous, 9 11 2 ()3-F322 KOLLMOR LAD (7) P Monteth 8 11 2 ... P0050U- ALST MOLLY (161) W Reed 8 10 11 ...

- 4 declared -BETTING: 4-6 Superiup, 2-1 Killmor Lad, 8-1 Another Nick, 20-1 Just Molly 2.15 EKBALCO LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS B) £7,000 2.15 added 2m 143.11 STAY ANNAE (7) (D) Mrs M Review 9 12 0 36.3122 VANN PRONCE (7) (D) N Timber 8 11 5 0.3424-3 WENVER GEORGE (140) (D) J Hellens S 11 S 54/131-1 ASTRALEON (127) (CD) R Alver 7 114 13303P- NEEP YOUR DISTANCE (153) Mrs M Reveley S 11 2

- > cocurrey -BET 1992: 2-1 Keep Your Distance, 5-2 Stay Annales, 4-1 Astrologe, Valet Prince, 8-1 Weaver George 2.45 PEATY SANDY HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 added 3m 6f 3-PU125 COPPER NAME (154) O Shewood 8 11 10.
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242823 COUP DE CATHERINE (P) W Barker 9 10 0. - 4 declared
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BETTING: 4-8 Copper Mine, 5-2 Plank Gin, 8-1 The Boller White, 25-1 Comp De Catherine 3.20 SWIFT HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 4f

BETTPHE: 4-5 De Jordann, 7-4 Houghton, 5-1 Swort Beach 3.55 JACKDAW HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 added

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lectors will find them hard to resist, though Adrian, too, is an in-

UTTOXETER

HYPERION

1.20 Perhaps 1.50 Naughty Future 2.20 Stoney Burke 2.50 Jimjam Johnny 3.20 Father Sky

GOING: Good to Firm.

Left-hand course. Bran-in of 170yd.

Course is SE of town near B5017. Untracter station (Derby-Crewe line) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Crub S15 (OAPS S12): Tuttersails 510 (OAPS S7; Course S3. CAE PARE: Free.
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: Wordsmith (2:50) won at Warnick on Saturday; The Leat Fling (3:20) won at Reiso on Saturday.

LONG-DISTANCE EDINNERS: Black Arrow (1:20) & Ecllyman (2:50) have been sent 180 miles by D O'Brien from Capel, Eent.

1.20 BILL LOVE MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E)

(DIV I) £3,000 added 2m

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= 15 declared BETTING: 3-1 Perhaps, 4-1 Hezurd A Cines, Cades Bey, 7-1 All On,

1.50 BILL LOVE MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E)

SCOTCH HILLS HOLSTEINS NOVICE

(DIV II) £3,000 added 2m

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3.50 Andros Prince 4.20 Beggars Banquet

"Jonathan will have to fit in where the selection panel want him and he will bave to oust an rugby but the talk of him going straight into the Welsh side is ludicrous. He hasn't played a game of rugby for seven years."

Well, not the game of rugby Cardiff play. News that would otherwise be of some concern - the return after injury of Mike Hall, who may be bound for Wasps, and Nigel Walker is merely a subtext to the main plot, With Pontypridd playing the Fijians today, Cardiff will re-sume at the top if they win.

Had Davies - Jonathan, that playing instead for Harlequins, cent record at the First Division's

2.50 HOUGHTON VALIGHAN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m

3.50 MASON RICHARDS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3m 2f #2010-6 MELLINGUA (25) R Curtor 9 11 9 D Welson (5) R336557 STLENNING STURF (269) T GOODE 10 11 4 D Bernitor 327207 ANDROSS PRINCE (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces 10 10 4 D Revise (264) Was A Embraces (264) Was

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4.20 BOCM PAULS OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £2,000 added 2m 2-20 SCOTCH HILLS HOLSTEINS NOVICE

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BETTING: 7-2 What's Pride, 4.1 Tules, 7-1 Wordsmith, 8-1 Cellbatte, Kalzori,
10-1 Peschar, Practices, 12-1 others

3.20 ST MODWEN CLASSIC NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS A) (Grade 2) £12,500 2m 4f 402-11 FIGHER SKY (LE) O Stewood 4 11 0 _____ J & McCarthy 9AR01.0 C Books S 11 0. D College of 2.12 PORPHYSIOS (31) EFF K Belley 4 11 0 ... W InClaritud 32P. ROSMARTHO C 2599 W JOHN S 11 0 ... J. Rollton 200-13 SUAR OF DAVID (10) Miss A Embroos 7 11 0 ... J. Ryest

SANDOWN

HYPERION 1.05 Volunteer 1.35 Equity Player 2.05 Bures 2.40 Far Senior 3.15 Dextra Dove 3.45 Blessed Oliver 4.15 Neat Feat GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places).

Right-hand course; seven testing fences along back straight;

run-in of story.

Course is on A307, Im S of Kingston, Esher station (service from London, Waterfoo) adjoins course, ADMDSSTON; Club 516, Junior Club 116-25yra) 514; Grandstand & Paddock 512; Silver Ring 55, CAR PARK: free, or 52 in members.

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN HATS: Ocean Blavk (1.45) won at As-cot on Schardey, Far Senior (2.40) won at Warwick on Saturday, Straight Talk (2.40) won at As-rot on Schardey. LONG-DESTANCE EURINEES: Polanter (1.65) & Gembal Mat (4.15) laste been sext 219 atlles by Mrs N Datheid Irom Azmouth, Devon. FIREWORK NIGHT NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS C) £4,750 3YO 2m 110yds

BONFIRE PARTY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS 1 U BOUTTY PLAYER (10) R Corts 10 113 ______ D Morris
2 P34334 GBIERT (22) 0 Carey 7 11 3 ______ B Powel
3 4403-P0 BOURDS CSD (18) Whye 7 11 3 ______ S Breedey
4 P6 TOLMEY-GUM (12) R Rose 8 11 3 ______ T Grandham
BETTRES 2-1 Enelty Player, 5-2 ethers, Sounds Golden, 5-2 Tomeny-Gare

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11 F-0 HELDENS MEMORY (29) Jiong S 10 11 Michael Next (7)
12 4 MES BARTY (287) C Weedon S 10 11 Pober Hobbs
12 GENUM ROYAL ROYAL ROMAN 9-2 Some Toddler, 5-1 Mywerd 1, 8-1 Mrs Barty, 12-1 Uncle Bert, Pee Tee Coe, 18-1 others - 6 declared - BETTING: 7-4 Silver Groom, 7-2 Bookcase, 9-2 Nadjeti, 5-1 Bures, 8-1 Mister Drom, Squire York

Large obstacles hinder Action's progress "If you can get 10-1 with a run for the Champion Hurdle - take Jamie Osborne, sat tight and the it," was how Oliver Sherwood summed up Large Action's de-

terday. Last year's Champion

pair outspeeded Spinning Steel to win by four lengths. but over fences at Uttoxeter yes-

"It's a long way to next March Hurdle runner-up was far from he'll run in the Champion or the tion would next appear.

Arkle." Sherwood said. "To be

fair to the horse he was never out of third gear and I'd like to think he could have another run over fences." Sherwood refused and I'm not going to say now if to be drawn on where Large Ac-

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Anzum looks good to gain upper hand for Nicholson

GREG WOOD

Just in case the Flat was having any second thoughts about retiring to its winter quarters, the National Hunt heavy mob is out in force this afternoon to persuade its summer cousin that its time is up. If it has any sense,

the Flat will go quietly.
It is quite simply no contest. The afternoon's only card on the level is at Doucaster, where the feature race, the November Handicap, brings together a tired and familiar collection of animals, asked to drag themselves to the well ooe last time. Over the sticks, by contrast, five meetings in Britain and an excellent card at Navan will bring many of the best hurdlers and chasers into competition for the

first time. The five televised National Hunt races, from Chepstow and Wincanton, are just the beginning. Atours, Balanak, Hebridean, Her Honour, Berude Not To and the highly promising Cherrynut are among those

DONCASTER

GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places), STALLS: Straight - stands side; round - inside.

12.50 Serendipity 1.20 Quality 1.50 Little Ibnr

SIS. All races

2.20 Naked Welcome

HYPERION

STALLS: Straight — stands stde; round — invide.

ORAW ADVANTAGE: Name.

I Left-hand, pear-shaped course with 1 mile straight.

Doncaster Central railway station (served by London, King's Cross). ADMISSION
Club \$14; Grandstand \$8; Family Enclosure \$3 (under-16s free). CAR PARK: Free.

All races

ELRADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS; J Goaden —: 17 winners from 144 runners gives a soccess ratio of 25.7% and a profit to a 51 level stake of 543.50; B Hills — 29 winners, 140 runners, 20.7%, +521.80; R Hanson — 27 winners, 250 runners, 10 4%, -\$100.50; H Cecil — 26 winners, 103 runners, 25.2%, +59.11.

ELRADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery — 47 winners, 219 rides, 19.6%, +524.59; W Carson — 31 winners, 238 rides, 14.1%, -543.74; E Durley — 31 winners, 241 rides, 12.9%, -53.74; L Durley — 31 winners, 241 rides, 12.9%, -53.74; L Durley — 30 winners, 128 rides, 12.9%, -53.74; L Durley — 30 winners, 128 rides, 12.9%, -532.31.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Stop Play (vp-red, 1.29).

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATES Quality (1.20) win at Newcaste on Monday; Merit (4.00) winn at Edwhurch on Thierday.

DISTANCE RUNNERS: Theker Occupation | 1.50) has been sent 228 miles by M 8 Soun-

12.50 BOC SUREFLOW AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) £4,400 added 2YO 1m Penalty Value £4,189

1.20 WEMBLEY NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £4,403

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SETTINGS 5-1 Quality, 6-1 General Rose, 7-1 Prood Modit, 8-1 Double Diamond, 12-1 others
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COMPASS POINTER [21] Pesh Lance Roong J Euchoe 9 0
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2.50 Royale Figurine 3.25 Snow Princess

4.00 Sugar Mill

"minor" cards include the Ekbalco Hurdle at Newcastle and a Grade Two novice hurdle at Uttoxeter. At Navan, meanwhile, Dorans Pride, winner of the Stayers' Hurdie at last year's Cheltenham Festival, and Sound Man, narrow runner-up in the Arkle Trophy, are the principal attractions, not least

> RICHARD EDMONDSON **NAP: Snow Princess** (Doncaster 3.25) **NB: Naked Welcome** (Doncaster 2.20)

for Richard Dunwoody, who will ride in Ireland in order to maintaio his association with Sound Man.

Some of the names in the Rising Stars Novice Chase at Chepstow may oot yet be so familiar, but it is just a matter of time. A fascinating event pits Cherrynut. Paul Nicholls's latest recruit from point-to-pointing, against Berude Not To, one of last seasoo's hest novice

Nicholls's string finished last season in indifferent form, after an excellent start which took several good prizes back to the West Country. All seems to be well now, and Cherrynut (2.00), highly thought of by his trainer, can reinforce Nicholls's growing reputation as a rising star in his own right, particularly where chasers are concerned.

Cherrynut's seasonal debut, at Worcester, brought a convincing three-length defeat of Linden's Lotto, another of today's rivals, and while John White's chaser should, in theory, be able to reverse the form on 10th better terms, he was already race-fit at Worcester while Cherrynut must have plenty of improvement to come.

The colours to back in the Tote Silver Trophy are usually the black and orange of Bill and Shirley Rohins, successful in three of the last four years and carried today by Silver Wedge, one of last season's best juveniles. The silks are one of the few constants in the racing life of Mr and Mrs Robins, who

Oliver Sherwood, who prepares Silver Wedge - for the moment, at least - inherited him from David Nicholson, who in turn took delivery of the Robins string from Jenny Pitman. Both trainers saddle runners in today's race, but it is Nicholson's ANZUM (nap 1.30) who looks weighted to exact revenge.

At Wincanton, David Els-

worth saddles two-thirds of the runners in the Elite Hurdle, with Atoms (2.30), who might yet be a Champion Hurdle contender in a very weak year, fancied to beat his stahlemate. Absalom's Lady. Paul Nicholls pops up again in the Badger Beer Chase, in which he saddles Brackenfield, but they will all struggle to keep pace with Wise Approach (next best 3.00). Kim Bailey's chaser simply jumped too well when knuckling over on landing at Cheltenham last week Back on a more suitable track his rapid progress cao

cootinue. And as for Doncaster, try Indigo Time (3.25) and Royale change trainers as regularly as Figurine (2.50). If you must.

1.50 CIU NSPCC APPEAL HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 added 5f Penalty Value £4,713

621103 PORTREET (4) (7) (Lord Mattimus) R Guest 3 9 9 Dane O'Nolli (5) 18 404120 TINGER OSSIASTON (15) (12) (20) (20) (John Luin) M Saunders 4 9 8 FF Figure 14 400000 SELRIURISTPRIKE (125) (20) (20) (John Luin) M Saunders 4 9 8 FF Figure 14 400000 SELRIURISTPRIKE (125) (20) (D (John Luin) M Saunders 4 9 8 FF Figure 14 2 200000 MACHALANE (12) (20) (D (John Saunders 1) M Fetherion-Godley 7 9 6 FF Luingen 18 2 200000 MACHALANE (12) (20) (P Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherion-Godley 7 9 6 FF Luingen 18 1 13303 PERRIL DOWN (34) (D) (DF) (Mrs E Keep) G L. Moure 5 9 3 SWINDOWN 19 (5) (D) (DF) (Mrs E Keep) G L. Moure 5 9 3 SWINDOWN 19 (5) (D) (DF) (Mrs E Keep) G L. Moure 5 9 3 SWINDOWN 19 (5) (D) (DF) (Mrs E Keep) G L. Moure 5 9 3 SWINDOWN 19 (5) (D) (DF) (Mrs E Keep) G L. Moure 5 9 3 SWINDOWN 19 (5) (D) (DF) (Mrs E Keep) G L. Moure 5 9 3 SWINDOWN 19 (5) (D) (DF) (Mrs E Keep) G L. Moure 5 9 3 SWINDOWN 19 (5) (DF) (Mrs E Keep) G L. Moure 5 9 3 SWINDOWN 19 (15) (DF) (Mrs E Keep) G L. Moure 5 9 3 SWINDOWN 19 (15) (DF) (Mrs E Keep) G L. Moure 5 9 3 SWINDOWN 19 (15) (DF) (Mrs E Keep) G L. Moure 19 3 SWINDOWN 19 (15) (DF) (Mrs E Keep) G L. Moure 19 SWINDOWN 19 (15) (DF) (Mrs E Keep) G L. Moure 19 (15) (Mrs E Keep)

1994: Zhrai Zamani 3 8 7 K Darley 7-2 (M Stoute) 6 ran FORM GUIDE. Herry Cecil ran AL WIDYAN along with Etish in lost season's Dewhurst and the colt looks back to his best after a very smooth win at Lebesser 12 days ago, The warm favourise Sanossen jeecond to Pentire previously) did not run up to his best but there was still no mestang the class of Al Vildyan, who again has Ray Occirania on board, doing the steering, Ceptes and Naticed Welcome objects. He November Handicap for this weeldsh Listed race, Capses, well held in a Group Two of Longchamo lest time after a time-mondir rest, does not look that good judged on his Leocaster win from Totahly, while the trip may just be too for for Naked Welcome outside handicap company. Labibels was a feet-ground lover prior or her surprising with from Saxon Moral in the must at Assot. She could not repeat the act at Newbury a formight favor but cannot be jused out with the stable still going strong. Bluehling Flaume defed a big weight in a handicap nere a formight ago and is in a weaker Listed race boday after taking on Minds Music at Newmarket, in which race Jadibaly Ababiar Inside dive lengths.

| Total Control Contro

The hope is that a trip to Longshamp has not taken the edge of BIOYALE PREURINE nar-rowly beaten by Millyant over a trip (50 which is a bit storp for her nowadays. Best over six when coming off a fast pace, the Ayr Gold Cup witner will find Biranuston Abby (10th) a tougher mail this time with the Mark Johnston mare being 17th better off, Biraston Abby, a neck second in this last year, han splendidly against Chendre Ross in the Hoydock Spirit Cup, so this lough mare must take all this beating. Art Of War and Mistie Cat are the class

57 PORTAINTY VERBURE £4,77.3

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CHEPSTOW 1.60: James The First was an emchatic winner first time out, but he has been raised 5lb for that success to 8 weak race and SALLOR JIM,

an improved horse last season, should now be fit after a couple of outings. Poutynyswen is the danger. 1.30: SILVER WEDGE is probably better suited by today's trip than the two miles over which he compet-ed last season and can hold fellow.

2.00: Although Cherrynut is highly regarded by his trainer, he will ed to be special to give 4lb to one

of last season's top novice hurdlers, BERUDE NOT TO. DONCASTER 2.20: Capias and NAKED WEL-COME meet on the same terms as they would have in the November Handicap and should dominate. ohn Gosden's runner is held by Blushing Planse on form in similar company in June, but has pro-gressed at Geoup level since. But the selection is improving more rapid-ly and his turn of foot gives him the edge. He holds Labibeh on a line

through Whitechapel on their most receot runs. Jellahy Ashkir lacked the pace to challenge Minds Music over this distance and needs further. 2.50: ROYALE FIGURINE CAD give the Fetherston-Godley stable of Naked Welcome another weekend double to follow their recent successes at Newmarket. The seection has been placed in French Group company (Fire Dome held) since her Listed win and is im-proving. Leap For Joy, an Italian Pattern winner, has not tackled fast

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3.25: Whitechapel, an excellent third when a pacemaker in Group company last time, is 8lb higher than when stealing a tactical suc-cess in the Newbury Autumn Hand icap. He, like lightly raced ladigo Time and Dato Star, prefers give SNOW PRINCESS proved be er than for that fluent win.

and should confirm placings with in resolute Non Vintage and exposed Good Hand.

over fences, well suited by today's fast ground and right-hand track and made an encouraging return behind the fitter General Rusty.

performers in the field. Art Of War, gelded after the Greenham at Newbury, had a confidence booster when breezing home at Hamilton last month but it must be said this is a stemer test. Affettle Cat usually runs over further but he is herd to beet on his day and a good showing is anothered. The worth of Leap For Joy's form in San Stor is assected, while the improved handleepper Credit Poel may find this too tough. Montheredre retains his dash and

best Sharp Prod and Double Blue on the course in March. Selection: ROYALE FIGURANE			
3	3.25	TOTE CREDIT NOVEMBER HANDICAP (CLASS I £30,000 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £24,843	P) [64
1	001433	WHITECHAPPEL (USA) (149 (CD) (The Queen) Lord Huntington 7 8 10	T Nes 1
2	216034	ROYAL SCHOOLAR (USA) (113) (D) (HTH Prince Felid Subvery) P Cole 3 8	GT Quiten
3	641048	MORPHUM (28) (D) (B H Vocal) C Button 3 8 7	M Henry (5)
4	5420	DATO STAR (14) (Kern Riley, Mrs M Guinte & Joe Donald) J M Jefferson 4	98 .X Fallon
5	4-04024	TIME FOR ACTION (9) DAIS G A E SMIRN M Tomokins 3 8 4	_P Robleson 1
8	01-61	20000 TBME (28) (D) (Terry Null? P Cole 3 8 3	W Careon 1
7	206134	FOUNDRY LAME (68) (D) (85) (A Sharely Mis M Reveley 492	K Desley
8	302210	PROPOSON (46) (Ed) (The Persian War Partnership) R Welhurst 5 8 1	R Cockmon 1
9 .		ARTIC COUNTER (29) (0) (fintam Promotions Ltd) D Conglove 4-9 1	
10	512400	BAYNAK (USA) (29) (D) (A S Reid) M Ryan 589	R Haghes
11	101550	JOHNIS ACT (USA) (49) (D) Clack Brown (Bookmater) Ltd) O Haydn Jones !	588J Reid 1
12	63-4322	BENUCHAMP JADE (22) (E Perser) H Candy 3 8 4	W Names 1
13	231000	ASNESON (SA) (Mrs M O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 4 8 4.	A Maclay
14	00121-3	WEINNES (29) (0) () Goldsmith) R Alexand 6 8 3	L Dettor
15		SECRET SERVICE (33) (D) (Guy Reed) C Thomton 3 8 2	
16		SNOW PROCESS 60 (D) (Lord Weinstock) Lord Humaneton 3 8 2 (See)	
17		MENGALASANYTHEN (40) (D) QAG M O'Dornell A Balley 6 8 0	
18		WENTERBOOK LAD (28) (John Pugh) P O Brans 5 7 12	
19	240216	LORD HASTE (USA) (14) (C) (D) 94:6 Joy Bendall) C Thornton 7 7 8	
		Snow Princess, 7-1 Raimei, 8-1 Whiteshapel, Date Star, Indian Time, I	
		other 10.1 Supply Lane 14.1 Proton 10.1 Koreachi 20.1 others	

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The late plunge has been on Reissel, a dual winner for Reg Alvehurst last season and brained for the race with just the one run after a lengthy lay-off. The booking of Frankle Dettor is another plus and Reimel will be a different horse today with last moreth's Ason run under the belt. But the winner of that Ason horselong, NUNEO TIME, may be the one to this residence and standard despite the 9th turnaround, Indigo Time could be spotted the writer a long way from home and, with that being only his second start of the casoon, he can side be expected to improve further. Indigo Time is asked to repeat the run on a much faster, surface and stable jodiesy Richard Quinn has; chosen Royal Schnitzer, but Indigo Time still makes most appeal with Wilke Carson taking the ride. Royal Schnitzer rates a handicap stup on his early season second to Sebestion at Newmarket. He has lost his way a bit since and the lay-off since mak-July is off putting. Foundary Lane's Ebor third was on fast ground but he reasy needs some out to produce his very best, a remark which also applies to Dailo Star, Who was struggling up the home stroight here lost time in Bushing Flame's rose. Saron Protecsan has a feather weight and is improving. She best only a maden in Lithams at Newmarket last time but is hard to demiss with confidence in an average type handleap such as the surface of the second mud about, while Korambi (ran in the Derby) and Time For Action are bloody matched on Newbury handleap running.

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17	M	COALITE DRAGON HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10	000 PA
	MV.	added 2m 110yds Penalty Value £8,285	30 miles
1	031600	BLAZE AWAY (USA) (21) (D) (Paul Mellon) Belding 4 9 10	Detirel
2	601-545	TAHOUDANT (231) (C) (D) (BF) (G A Familian) Mrs M Reveloy 8 9 7	A College
3	212102	ISTABRAQ (16) @lamdan Al Maldourn J Gosden 3 9 5	W Carpon
4	2303-41	DLD RED (21) (A Flannighm) Miss M Rowsley 5 9 3	
5		8000 HAND (USA) (15) (CD) (Mrs M M Hagges) J W Watts 8 8 1	
6		SUPREME STAR (USA) (16) (1 J Wholery P Heager 4 9 1	
7		SUGAR MALL (15) (C) (C C Buckley) Mrs M Reveloy 5 8 0	
8	255245	PARADISE NAVY (16) (C) (Elte Racing Cue) C Egenon 6 8 11	R Hinghos 1
9		SEA VICTOR (16) (C) (D) (J David Abell) J L Harns 3 8 10	
10	210104	MCHCAILLOCH (21) (F J Carter) J Ning 6 8 10	G Bardwell
11	352630	THURNDERHEART (16) (D) (Ion G M Dalgesti) J J OTHOR 489	C Dutfield
12		MON VANDAGE (15) (C) (Alan Marki) M Chaptean 4 8 0	
13	060011	MERIT (2) (HRH Prince Fand Salmen) P Cole 3 7 8 (Ser)	Qoloq :
14		COLUMN DOE (16) (C) (D) (P J Sheehan) J Sheehan 7 7 8	
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		de Victor, Inchesitoria, 14-1 Supreme Star, 10-1 others	
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MERIT coms the selection on the faster ground after pinging home in the soft at Edinburgh on Thursday. This is a stronger race but Ment runs off a pound fower mark even with the penelty and strong light-weight. Immy Quinn has been booked. Sugar MRI has been brought along stoughty and can certainly beat the unwilling New Vintage egain after the win over a shorter hip here a fornight ago. Thursderheart could go well at decent odds on his first stout for Jonjo O Neets. The Cesarevitch where OM Reed was three to confirm the Newmarket form with the fourth Inchcalifoch (4th better) and Staze Away (seventh and 7th beater). Selections MERIT.

BETTING: 7-2 Postrow, 5-1 Potter's Say, 8-1 Latest Thyue, 7-1 Highland Jack, 12-1 Squaral Courts

Branston Abby, Carranita and Montendre are also all best with cut.

adaptability to different going at Newmarket last week and even with an 81b penalty is still only 41b high-

4.00: The Cesarewitch winner, Old Red, steps back to trip and is not so well handicapped now with the fourth, Inchestiloch. Another of Mary Reveley's runners, SUGAR MHLL, has more scope over this trip for the first time under Flat rules

WINCANTON 2.30: With Absalom's Lady lacking an outing, CLIFTON BEAT, who was among the best juveniles, may outspeed the poor jumper Atours

3.00: BAS DE LAINE is lightly race

3.30 Ever Smile 1.25 Storm Run 4.00 Change The Act 4.30 Charlie Parrot 1.55 Gosnei 2.30 Clifton Beat GOING: Good in Firm (Good in pieces).

Eight-hand, galloping course. Run-in of 200yd.

Course is NE of town on B3081. Templecombe station (service from London, Witerloo) 4m. ADMISSION: Members 514 (Juniors, 17 to 22 pers, 56.50); Tauerial All paces All races

ELADING TRAINERS WITH EDINNERS: M Pipe - 34 winners from 121 runners gives a nuccess ratio of 28.4% and a profit to 51 level stake of 624.28; Mrs J Pitarana - 21 winners, 67 runers, 31.7%, +5.95.73; J Gifford - 15 winners, 28 runners, 17..%, -5.41.04; P Hobbs - 16 winners, 103 runners, 14.5%, -5.075.

ELADING JUCKETS: E Danswoody - 31 winners, 124 rides, 21.5%, -5.47.5.; D Marphy - 11 winners, 47 rides, 28.4%, -5.20.17; J Ouborne - 11 winners, 60 rides, 18.5%, -5.14.42; M A Finagerald - 11 winners, 110 rides, 10%, -5.65.00.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Non-Lordon Data with the complex profit of S UNISO MINUS INS. AME LETA DE HEOD SURES DE SE CONTROL DE HEOD SURES DE SE CONTROL DE HEOD SUR DE HEO 1 What's The Joke, 20-1 others 1994: Lightening Led 8 11 0 G McCourt 7-1 (J King) 20 ran - 5 declared -BETTING: 2-7 Gospel, 4-1 Emrat Miles, 14-1 On Mechani 1994: Prancess Hotpot 8 10 10 M Perrett 9-4 (Miss H Knight) 7 ran 230 TANGLEFOOT ELITE HURDLE (CLASS A) (Grade 2)
£20,000 added 2m Penalty Value £13,393

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1522.31 CLIFTON BENT (LB) (b) (D 8 O'Cornor) Pholos 4 11 2 Q NacCorn
3 131226 ABSALON'S MOY (256) (D) (Whitomia Marce Racra) O Boodh 7 11 1 __S NacNoR
BETTING: 4-5 Abouts, 5-2 Absolom's Lady, 31-4 Ciffor Beet
1994: Valinet 7 11 2 R Durwoody 9-2 (N Popl-5 cor There was intile to choose between stablementes Atoura and ABSALOM'S LADY on the two occasions they met last season. The name came out on top by a neck when they were first and second in Kempton's Christmas Hurdle and was three-quarters of a length in tront of Atous when they finished stath and secent in the Chempton Hurdle. Atours is 4th better in today and advertised his well-being when easily wirning at Kempton on he reappearance. However, Absalom's Lady has a good record first time out and she should prove toughest. Lack of a people is a potential problem and Califora Beat, who pulk hard, may suffer most, it may be that Grahem McCount is forced to let him go, which would probably set the race up for the other evo. Cilifora Beat had to work hard to hold Weshing at Newbury last time, but that was still a good effort.

Selections ABSALOM'S LADY. 3.00 BADGER BETR LTD HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS B) £20,000 3m 1f 110yds Penalty Value £13,940 3PO-423 ERANGE BRAVE (13) (F) Blue J Moudi N Telesian-Daws 9 12 0 - 1/12521- BRAVE (158) (F) Blue J Moudi N Telesian-Daws 9 12 0 - 1/12521- BRAVE (158) (F) Blue J Moudi N Telesian-Daws 9 11 11 - 2313-12 BRAVE (20) (F K Bot Lig O Sterwood 8 11 10 - 211-11F WES APPROACH (10) (F) (F) (Min 6 Gre) K Baley 8 11 6 - 21-1126 TUB OF PEACE (10) (F) Refrestion (O Bathing 8 10 11 - 33-1135 MARTIAL TRUST (21) (F) (Mark Bowling P Hobis 11 10 8 - 24-1126) - 8 declared -BETTING: 5-2 Bas De Luine, 3-1 Brechnofield, Whee Approach, 9-2 Grange Brake, 8-1 Mutani Trest 10-1 Tog Of Peace 1994: Lusty Light 8 10 7 W Marston 9-4 (Mrs. J Pitman) 9 ran FORM GUIDE IS DE LAINE made his reappearance after a season off in the Charisma Gold Cup a impion last month, so it was a creeking eifort for him to chase home General Rusty and ish seven lengths and more in front of the others. Bas De Laine will have come on for the run and he looks well handicapped on the pick of his form over fences, not nly win, which came at the expence of Monsieur La Cure, Mintual Trust was 13 lengths behind the selection at Kempton and there is no reason why he should overturn placings on 4th better terms. A more obvious threat is Wise Approach, in front when failing at the 10th in Deard Dove's Chellenham race last time. He had tumped well in the lead to wan his previous two here (2m 5f) and at Morket Resen and, while this is a step up in class. he is expected to go well. The ear Mary Revelop-trained Brackenfield has his first run for Paul Nichells. A useful handical chaser, he may find this a snace tough first time out. Grangle Brake has yet to stifle form and Ting Of Peace's jumping has let him down since he made a winning return at Wortester in September.

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	3.	30	BATCOMBE HANDICAP HURDLE (C 2m 6f Penalty Value £2,385	1.ASS E) £3,000 added
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	3 1	I3-U303	BLASKET HERO (9) (D) (Mrs Spell () Williams) Mrs	S Williams ? 11 1 S Lyces (3
			GUNNAVER (9) (B J Liewsbyn) 8 Develor 8 10 2	
	8 (06-5052	JONEAS CHUBLEIGH (17) (Mess Helen Johns) W G E	umer 8 10 2C Mand
l	6		BLAKE'S WONDER (88) (CD) (The Statet Partnership — 8 declared —	
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	1994: Borrowed And Blue 4 10 5 Peter Hobbs 5-2 (P Hobbs) 5 ran
	4.00 K J PIKE & SONS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £7,500 added 2m 5f Penalty Value £5,173
	1 23/1243- CHANGE THE ACT (330) (Christopher Folor) Miss V Williams 10 11 10
	2 15-33U4 GREEN ISLAND (23) U E Moloney A Duris 9 11 8
1	3 211121 ZAJIRA (10) (F J Bush) P Eccles 5 10 11 M Richards
	4 F22113- LARRY'S LORD (155) (CD) (Marton Latin Ltd) P Nicholis 8 10 8 J R Kevanegh
	1 231243 CHANNET THE ACT (330) Christopher Inley) Miss V Williams 20 11 10
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3(Ó	TRIPLEPRINT INTERMEDIATE OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,500 added 2m Penalty Value £1,319
•	5	BRANSRI (7) (Mrs. Bridget Nicholls) P Nicholls 4 1.1 2 R Kasamagh.
		CHARLIE PARRIOT RAG Alson C Fareng M Pipe 5 11 2
	0	ENPERORS WOOD (56) (Moonsher Recing) P Haward 4 11 2
	0-	KNIGHTSBREDGE SCOT (164) Avaististance BC) N Babbage 4 11 2S McNell
•	0	NEMBA (15) (N A Twiston-Disvies) N Twiston-Dames 4 11 2M Kelghley (7)
		SMART LORD (J R Booley) J Booley 4 11 2M Booley
	0	SOLO VOLUNES (15) OM Green) H Rousel 6 11 2
	5	SOUTHSEA SCHADALS (29) IP Trans M Charnon 4 11 2P Holley
		PREMAIN CHONNY (Print Buckley) N Thomson 5 10 11
	0	MAENAD (15) (Exus of late Mrs C A Robinson) D Brench Date 4 10 11 Procler (3)

RACING RESULTS

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3.10 Queen of Spades 3.40 Buckhouse Boy 1.30 Silver Wedge (nb) 4.10 Call Equiname

GOING: Hurde course - Good to Soft: Chase course - Good.

Left-hand, undulating course with run-m of 240yds

Raccourse is on A466. Chapstow rall station (Cardiff-Gloncester line) is 1 mil ADMISSSON: Club § 14; Tattersells £9 (OAPs § 1), CAR PARE: Free.

All races

LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNESS; M Pipe - F2 winners from 195 numers gives access ratio of 25 7% and a loss to 5 1 level stake of 5 1 l. 10. N Twiston-Davies - 18 winners, 84 numers, 21.4%, +59.0%, P Robbs - 12 winners, 61 numers, 19.7%, +510.7%

LEADING JOCKETS: E Danwoody - 23 winners, 108 rides, 20.9%, +522.0%; C LEADING JOCKETS: E Danwoody - 23 winners, 108 rides, 20.9%, +522.0%; C Lewellys - 16 winners, 85 rides, 18.6%, +514.24; A Magnire - 13 winners, 76 rides, 17.1%, +510.2%; G Bradley - 9 winners, 18 rides, 27.7%, +525.3%

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Jackson Film (2.00) was a Accut on Sahnviay WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Jackson Film (2.00) on a Accut on Sahnviay WINNERS GUNNERS: General Communal (2.00) & Real Toute (2.11) have been LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: General Communal (2.00) & Real Toute (2.11) have been 249 rolles by G Rehards from Greystrike. Cumbres; Deep Call 11. 10) sera 241 roles by W Campingham from Hutton Rudoy, North Yorkshire.

1.00 GUY FAWKES HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) EBC1 £10,000 added 2m 110yds Penalty Value £7,303 4.1133. RESER (20) 9 4/5 M Emery P Hobb, 8 12 0
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EALANAK, bred by the Aga Khan and komenly trained by John Cox, burst on to the jumps some only last January with facile wins at Towester and Windson. A subsequent smooth-as-silk Kempton victory was impressive because he had a rushed preparation after bruising a foct. It is not such a supprise that the Triumph Hurdle, for which he was 7-2 favounte, was at too much for him, but he finished on a positive note with a fourth to Sweet Mignonder on glood ground at Aintree. He has since been golded, will love any cut underfoot and did shape as if this tips would suit with the way he rain when making a pleasing but needed reoperance at Newbury 15 days ago. The second-eason hurdless look to be in with a real shout the way this race looks. The presence of Hebridean and Corrouge ensures pleaty of depth in the handicap scale and Balanak has a touch of class to go with his Righting mark (10st 20.07 his contemportes. Angere, promoted to their in the Triumph), is a sound-

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BERUDE NOT TO is the choice, even if he makes limited appeal as a puniting proposition. His wins last season included Nivetury S challow Hurtig, chemyant and General Command looks the ones to beat. Cherrynut's defeat of Linden's Lotto at Womester was a good start over regulation fences. A 10th pull helps the second, but Cherrynut might be the better long-term prospect. General Command has already won twice this season and he will improve ugain after his defeat of Simply George.

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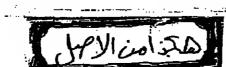
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Europe 7 Britain

Despite the marked decline of British clubs in European competition over recent years, rarely can one week have provided so much despair and so little encouragement. Glenn Moore studies the causes and possible solutions

UEFA CUP

Those who believe the maxim goalkeepers are crazy gain-ed more evidence this week Mark Crossley, of Nottingham Forest, followed up Tuesday's match-saving performance against Auxerre by saying, Bring on Barcelona, bring on Bayern Munich'. Judg-ing by the defeats inflicted on every other British team, he ought to have been asking: 'Is anyone from the Faroes Islands left in?'

After a grim week Forest are the only English club left in Europe; only Rangers fly the Scottish flag - and that, after conceding eight goals in two games, is at half-mast. Meanwhile all six Spanish clubs remain in the frame, the French have five, the Italians and Germans four. Even the cities of Prague and Moscow have more teams left than England or Scotland. To rephrase a comment once made about our cricketers, there are just three things wrong with British football - we cannot tackle, cannot pass and cannot shock

The bad news is, things are likely to get worse before they get better. As the Football Association's technical co-ordinator, Don Howe is responsible for identifying ways to lift standards in the English game. Like everyone else, Howe has not been impressed by this week's efforts. "I have got a satellite dish at home and on a night like Tuesday I am forever twisting the dials around looking at games all over Europe, 10 minutes from Munich, 10 minutes from Liverpool, that sort of thing.

I can compare what is going on and the difference is in midfield. At international and club level that is the key area, how midfielders adapt to tactics home and away; how well they protect the back four; how they break and pass.

If you look at the teams that did well before the Heysel ban -Liverpool, Leeds and so on, they had players like Souness and Mc-Dermott, Bremner and Giles, Stiles and Charlton. They were great players who could defend the back four if needed, and be exressive when that was needed. They were all-round midfielders who could take responsibility.

"We have a very attractive Prein the net and lots of goalmouth incident. People say: 'Aren't we doing well - we're attracting great entertainers like Yeboah and Bergkamp'. But the country that has dominated European competition in recent years is Italy and that is because their players have

"They graft and dominate midfield. Look at Milan, with Desailly and Albertini. Away from home they sit in front of the back four, they track players back. At home they go forward earlier and support attacks. Our players do too much off the cuff - there is nothing wrong with that, but you have

to do your job for your side first. Dick Advocaat, the coach at PSV will tell you that his team have scored eight against Leeds but first they have made sure McAllister did not play, and they stopped Yeboah getting any freedom. We have to be positive and learn the lessons. We want our league to stay entertaining, but we do not want goals to be cheap."

Howe said the planned meeting between Terry Venables and the managers involved in Europe this season would speed that education process. Other on-going developments were outlined by Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA, yesterday. He pointed out that coaching courses are being re-designed and the development of young players reviewed.

However, Gordon Taylor, his counterpart at the Professional Footballers Association, called for a more radical overhaul with greater involvement from former players and higher standards required for coaches.

ing instituted a Commission of Inquiry after years of European failure. Among the consultants is Rinus Michels, the Dutch coach who instigated many of the programmes that have put Ajax at the fore of youth development.

His influence is already making itself felt. Alex Miller, the former Rangers defender who now manages Hibernian, this week announced that the Edinburgh club was to copy Ajax's example and begin coaching boys as young as six. "I do not mind copying Rinus Michels' ideas or anybody else's if they are good ones," Miller said.

have to relearn the game. Howe has studied the Ajax system closely and he said: "I did not see fantastic coaching sessions. We have coaches who are as good. What I did see were long sessions and lots of them.

'I believe this is the only direction

for Scottish football to take. We

"It is like a military exercise. They train for an hour-and-aquarter. Then they do their homework and have something to eat, then they train again. Their young players are getting six sessions a week, our best kids get one, it is nowhere near enough

Changing this is a long-term programme. What can be done in the interim? One obvious step is to reduce the number of matches. After his team beat Celtic 3-0 at Parkhead on Thursday night Luis Fernandez, the coach of Paris St-Germain, said: "In France we play fewer games and teams have a chance to prepare for Europe. That could be a solution for you. Our national association helps as much as possible when we are preparing for a major European game. That does not happen

This, at least, is not the FA's fault. They wanted the Premiership reduced to 18 teams when it was created - instead the greed of the clubs has held it at 20, and that only with reluctance.

Besides, reducing fixtures is one thing, getting players and clubs to use the free time wisely is another one entirely. Very few British players do extra skills training in the afternoon -Maniester Umted is one exc but only because several players followed the example of Eric Cantona.

"Our players think afternoon training is a punishment." Howe said. "Glenn Roeder said when he went to Lazio with Paul Gascoigne their players thought they must have done something wrong if they did not get an afternoon session

"We do have too many games but one quote that has always worried me is when a player says: 'I would rather play than train'. That amazes me. What he is saying is he does not like training -but that is where you work on your game. Most foreign countries do not have reserve leagues; if you are not in the first team, all you do is train. That would blow our players' minds.

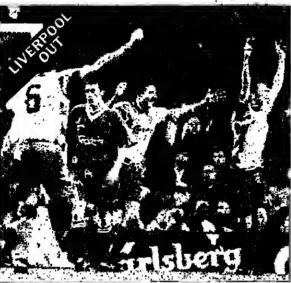
His thoughts are echoed by Ray Harford, manager of Champions' League failures Blackburn. "Foreign players want to improve, they work hard on their technique. Some of our players think: 'I've £1m in the bank, why bother working harder'."

Meanwhile aspiring clubs could do worse than study Forest. "They have a midfield four which gets its shape quickly, picks people up and closes them down," Howe said. "It is a bit like they were under Brian Clough. They play nine-one: nine behind the ball and one up."

Forest will now test themselves against Lyon, conquerors of Lazio.
It is a good draw. English clubs have only lost twice in 18 Anglo-French encounters. Of the three French clubs to have gone out of Europe this year two, Monaco and Scottish football is also en-gaged in self-analysis, the SFA have easy to beat.



RANGERS 0 JUVENTUS 4 Rangers' worst home defeat in 35 years of European Six matches in European competition and Blackburn



the first English team to lose to Danish opposition European competition

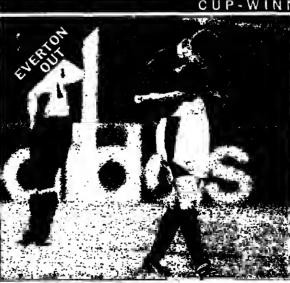




BAYERN MUNICH 2 RAITH ROVERS 1 (Agg: 4-1) British team found the net in Europe this week



NOTTINGHAM FOREST O AUXERRE O (Agg: 1-0) Danny Lennon's goal for Raith was the only time a Forest, who needed reaguard action to advance, now face Lyon, conquerors of Lazio, in next round



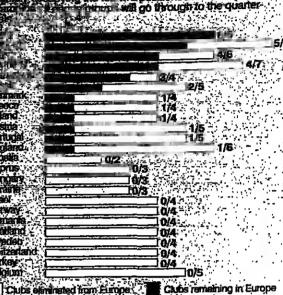
Auxerre, lost to English clubs. If FEYENOORD 1 EVERTON 0 (Agg: 1-0) Sending-off of Craig Short summed up a week misery for British teams in Europe



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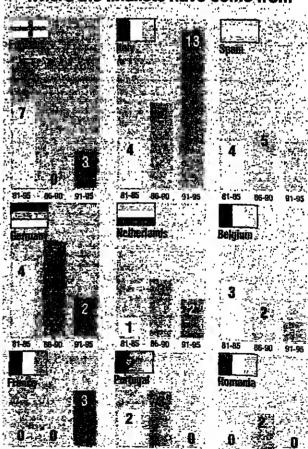
English and Scottish clubs in the Nineties

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Where the finalists have come from



It's not about systems or tactics, it's about ability and quality

GRAHAM KELLY (Football Association

chief executive) We have to find out if there is one reason why we have underperformed over the last five seasons in Enrope since the ban. Certainly our coaching courses are being redesigned for next year. The more open we become, the more we listen and watch and take new ideas into our game, the better we will be. The FA has addressed a lot of grass-roots issues, and football and providing more curriculum time for football

GORDON TAYLOR

(Professional Footballers' Association chief executive) international competitors with regard to coaching techniques. The FA bas, and wants to keep, responsibility for coaching, but with that responsibility has to come accountability. The FA needs to create a much more sophisticated coaching set-up that involves players from the professional game as the teachers of the next generation.

COLIN HENDRY

(Blackburn Rovers defender) You need experience and pa-tience and I'm sure English We are paying the price for a continued emphasis on the Premier League and the domestic game. We are falling behind our remember that we were out of Europe for five years and when we came back, there was the complication of the three-foreigners rule. For us as a club. it's been a completely new ex-perience. We've learned with every game and will be better for it. You have to concentrate as hard as you do when you're playing international football.

RAY HARFORD

(Blackburn Rovers manager We've played three teams in the past week and they all played the same shape with two mark-ers and a sweeper, but they each played it differently. It's not about systems or tactics, it's about ability and quality. What impresses me about the teams we've played is the pace every player has, the amount of ground they cover with the ball and without it. It's not just that they counter-attack, but they do it with such pace that you feel swamped. They break out with such freedom of movement."

FRANK CLARK

At the top level here there are At the top level here are still massive pressures on clubs getting results in the Premier League and giving the public excitement on Saturdays.

Our players find it difficult in Europe because teams are playing a different type of game. Auxerre were the best team for passing and movement we have played since I've been we have played since I've been manager at Forest. But we

manager at Forest. But we achieved the most important thing there ever is in cup foot-ball – we got into the next round. How? We stuck at it.

I wished we could have passed the ball better and given support quicker and better

because we've no particular wish to seek the higher profile which we'll probably get now as the only British side playing in Europe on Thesday nights. PAUL MCSTAY

Players at clubs like Paris St-Germain learn from an early age how to ally pace and strength to their ball skills and technical ability. We put in a challenge and tried to do what we had to, but we just weren't good enough.

A lot has been talked about the state of the British game. although I'm more concerned about things in Scotland, and we have got to realise that we cannot change things overnight. We have got to think about youth develop- you can play under pressure.

ment and try to teach the young ones what playing in Eu-rope is all about.

PATRICE LOKO

(Paris St-Germain striker) Like Italian sides, French teams have learned through playing in Europe and that playing in Europe and material makes it easier to play against the British style than it used to be. It's not what we're used to and the singing and clapping before the start really scared

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Atain asks New class Olympics -

Nowhere did it teach you how to nutmeg a centre-back. Worse, nowhere did it give tips on goal celebration practice

lads of the Victoria and Albert Museum football team, it was decided in the Independent's dressing room that something needed to be done to improve our game. After all, scraping through against an assembly of porcelain experts, nineteenth century merior design specialists and au-thorities on Victorian underwear can legitimately be considered underthevement. Particularly since the V& A are renowned in our circles as the outfit that once lost 9-0 to a team from a further education college. Fair esough, you might think, everyooe gets hammered occasionally. But there was nothing artificial about this particular result. Except the left leg of the opposition centre forward who scored a hat-trick. ("And by God," one V&A veteran said at the time, "when you tackled him did you

It was reckoned, in the lengthy post-match analysis, that what we needed was a bit of training: fitness was clearly a pipe dream, but a litlle binding, learning how to move as a unit, perhaps unravelling before we kick off the mystery of how to pass the ball to a player wearing the same coloured shirt might well pay dividends as we prepare to face the rigours of the annual fixture against the Daily Star.

Thus it was fortunate that this week sees the launch of The Skill Fuctor. The definitive guide to football training, a video and inter-active CD-ROM aimed at making your team better, presented by Alan Shearer and sponsored by Umbro. A perfect vehicle to learn a thiog or two about ground-work from the way the English pros prepare, claims the blurb. And, in the week of European humiliation, it made illuminating viewing.

As a useful exercise for the Independent XI, it didn't begin too promisingly, though. Up came a written warning on screen; "Due to the pace of the training modules in the following programme it may be helpful to use your video recorder to pause certain sequences or rewind to review them." Speed, then, the essectial pre-requisite in the modern British game; so that rules us out immediately.

The second most important thing to prepare like the pros, apparently, is to get the right kit.

"Umbro have developed the Pro-Training range to fit every need of training," claimed the voice over. "Pro-Training is more than just a range of clothing, it's an attitude." A point Alan Shearer agreed

"I've always been happy." England's lone striker said, in a manner

Jim White



so wooden he made Gary Lineker look like Des Lynham, "with Umhro footwear, leisure wear and

training gear."
Umbro cheques too, presumably. The next priority is to erect hoardings around your training pitch which read "Umbro" to catch

incidentally, is in Spain.

When you have got all that right. you can start training. Most of the emphasis in the video is put on the single priority of British football: winning the ball back." Endless exercises are recommended - one player against one, five against five, three against eight - all instilling the virtues of, as the video's primary coach Mick Wadsworth has it: "Getting there quickly, getting his head down and putting the hrakes on."

Useful stuff, though the Indy boys might have benefited from learning what to do once you had actually won the ball. Sadly none of the pseudo-scientific training modules were dedicated to practising how to keep the thing in those circumstances, or indeed how not to give

a full-back, or nutmeg a centre-back. Worse, nowhere did it give any tips on goal celebration practice.
This is not to say the video is a

complete waste of time. It includes some lovely half-forgotten archive footage of Shearer scoring for England. for instance. And there is Glenn Hoddle, too, being interviewed saying: "We try to bring on the players' skills for 10 to 15 minutes a dry. A lot of slybe do these utes a day. A lot of clubs do these things pre-season, but if you come down to our training ground in Feb-ruary, you'll find us doing it." A cyn-ic might wonder what good all that work was doing Chelsea at the moment, but you can't belp being inelined to the Hoddle analysis. Pity the video doesn't actually show Hoddle in action on the training

the camera every time it pans around the action. The rather excellent facility used for this video, drag-back, drop your shoulder past in the way he advocates, but you have to suppose merely having him saying it is a minor triumph over the traditional British coaching method.

The final word, however, goes to Terry Venables. "They say under stress the last thing you learnt is the first thing you forget," he says on the tape. "And then you revert to habit. That's why you've got to repeat repeat, repeat the good things until they become habits."

No problem then. I'll put in a repeat order for some Umbro kit, organise the hoardings and, as Devon Malcolm might put it, the Daily Star are history. Well, as loog as they bring a ball along.

The Pro-Iraining Skill Factor is re-leased by Umbro and VIP, and is

available at £12.99 from your near-

Juninho the focus of some attention

There must be someone tucked away on Teesside who does not know Juninho has joined Middlesbrough, but even that news hermit should have an inkling by this evening. There is just a little hype surrounding the Brazilian's debut at the Riverside Stadium today.

know it was artificial.")

For a start, a 30-piece samha band and dancers will be performing to make the club's £4.75m signing feel at home. Then there is the buge banner written in his native Portuguese and the thousands of flags and happy hands with the player's name printed across them.

And just in case he feels he

is not properly wanted, a helicopter will fly a 60ft by 80ft Middlesbrough shirt over the ground with "Welcome Juninho" emblazened across it. Oh, and there is a football match against Leeds United too.

To put it mildly, Juninho's transfer from São Paulo has caught the imagination on Teesside: Middlesbrough's souvenir shop cannot get enough Brazilian shirts to sell and the ticket office has resembled Harrods at sale time, with people he has a lot of natural fitness." camping out from early

EA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Arsenal v Manchester Utd

England captain Platt is set to play in his first full game for Arsenal since a knee

ins business game for Arsena since a nice observation and the own most likely to make way. Wight plays his last game before a time-reach suspension. Alex Ferguson has named an unchanged United ream for

Chelsea v Shoffield Wed

now signing Petrescu against his old abibas his work permit has yet to come

through Chelsee also have injury wor-ries over Clarke, Peacock and Minto.

which sincer starts a truce-match ban-principle of the start after proving his full re-pressions a foot injury in a midwest

thatin after a knee injury, but Sinton and Hyde must prove their fitness.

Ron Richard V Totterwami Rion Richard who was side beat Tot-ferham in the Coca-Cola Cup, has de-larged marting his team because of an lattersive injury list. Defenders Borrows family Pichenny. mudicipler issues and activers Lampley and Notovu are at un-der treatment. However, left-back Bur-

tous, out for nine games with a hamstring problem, is available. Dozzell, lato-injured an anule in Sunday's 1-1 draw with Newcostle, is Sours' main

doubt, while Sherngham and goal-lesper Watker must also prove their finess after picking up knocks.

Manchester City v Bolton

Mar. Ball, see ong City's first Premier imp win, has been boosted by Fitteroff's

Trip win, has been boosted by Friction's (recovery from an anide injury. However, from an anide injury the will be without Phelan and Beatifit, who are still on the injured list. Soliton learn fath with the players who best Arsenal 1-0 on Monday.

Middlesbrough v Leeds

Attachen star turnino will firtally make this English debut, but Bryan Robson is etissing to reveal who will make way, the hock cover with nave a late test on a fainstring injury, while striker

Coventry v Tottenham

rve match. Pearce is back in con-

in Hodole has jost the race to field

the Item successive time.

Team news

Guy Hodgson sorts the sport from the samba in today's Premiership games

morning to ensure they get a ticket for his debut.

There was a crowd of 9,000 at the Riverside to watch television screens of Boro's away game at Manchester United ast Saturday, seats sold in anticipation that Juninho would be playing, and today 30,000 will pack the ground. Such was the clamour for Brazil's player of the year this week that Middlesbrough's training sessions had to be held behind closed doors.

"I'm sure he will be made to feel very welcome," the Boro manager, Bryan Robson, said with just a little understatement. 'II should be a memorable occasion for all. I am looking forward to seeing him play in my team. It's pleasing all the paper work has been sorted out and everything is 100 per cent sealed. I know it's some time since he played in a match but

The last player to stir the soul.

Hendrie is out with a groin problem

teeds are again without Dorigo, while Howard Wilkinson rates Speed's chances of recovering from an antice problem at 50-50, Jobson comes into sectors, at force to Jobson comes into

central defence to help Wetherall curb the threat of Juranho.

Newcastle v Liverpool

Newcastle recall England Under-21 mid-fielder Clark, who has recovered from

Achilles tendon trouble, and Ferdinand is fit again after a foot injury, but Kevin

Southampton v QPR

as much in Middlesbrough was Wilf Mannion, now 77, who believes Juninho will cope with the physical demands of the Premiership. "He will move like a gazelle," be said. "He will sense wben the rhinos are coming.

"He may be only 5ft 5m but size does not count if you have a football brain. Many lightly built players in my playing years were great footballers because of natural talent and timing. Good players know when to make a move and how to beat an opponent."

On some Saturdays, particu-larly those diluted by the requirements of television, Jun-inho's arrival would overshadow the rest of the programme. Today, however, promises to be pivotal as the top four in the Premiership play each other while the slender thread connecting Manchester City to the top flight would look even thinner if they lose at home to Bolton.

"If anyone had told me before the season started we'd be having a crunch game with Bolton in November, I would have laughed at them," Alan Ball, the City manager, said. "But it's there. You can't even consider the possibility of deicat. II-tik ni even e your mind, it'll happen."

Newcastle, the leaguo leaders, face their stiffest test to date when they entertain thirdplaced Liverpool, who are smarting from their Uefa Cup

exit in midweek. "We've had good results," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said, "and played some good football hut so have Liverpool. This is one you look forward to even if you're a bit wary. You know it's going to be difficult bot that's what the

is it agant and a lost check on left-back Beresford (ankle). Roy Evans is likely to stick with the Liverpool side beaten by Brondby in the Uela Cup in midweek, his only dilemme being at right-back where he must choose be-Premiership is all about." If Newcastle lose and Manchester United win at fourthtween England international Jones of McAteer to mark Ginola. placed Arsenal, the Premiership will have oew leaders for the first time since August. Then again, if United finish with 11 lagiton is the Southampton squad af ter recovering from a blood clot in his leg, Maddison is back after a knee in men on the pitch it will be the first time at Highbury for three years. Eric Cantona was dismissed two years ago while last

leg. Maddison's back and a wheath in your and Hughes returns after back brouble. Zelic is finely set for his first Premiership start for OPR after a virus, from which Dictios and Holloway have also recovered. Stopper McDonald, who has missed the last four games through injury, is also name of in an 12-man squad. season Mark Hughes received a red card. "I hope it's a game of foot-West Ham v Aston Villa . ball," United's manager, Alex Harry Redknapp names the same West Harry side that won at Sheffield Wednes Ferguson, said, "rather than the problems we have bad over Harn side that won at shelling wearestay test week. McGrath returns to the Villa defence in what is likely to be the only change to the side which overcame Everton tast week. New signing Ther is out with a hamstring problem. the last few years wheo the ref-erees have succumbed to the pressures of the Arsenal fans.

"There's a deep rivalry be-TOMORROW tween the clubs but it does not Everton y Blackburn excuse some of the things that loe Royle will hope the availability of Kanchelstes will help his side bounce back from their Cup Winners Cup dis-appointment. Injury womes over Samweys (hamstring), Barrett (knee) and Limper (enke) remain. England ful-habil a Sam (will fix a morth with anbave gone on. The sendings-off of Mark and Eric were very unfair. The referee has an important job and the Arsenal players, too, have a responsibility. back i.e Said, out for a month with an Ferguson's team of angels ide ligament damage, is set to return for Rovers, but both Fenton, yet to comwill, of course, include a certain piete his move from Aston Villa, and midfielder McKinlay are doubtful.



Junintro juggles with the possibilities for his debut today

FA takes no

action over

Millwall 'idiot'

Millwall have escaped Football

Association punishment over

the incident involving two fans at

the Coca-Cola Cup tie against

short of the pitch, but the other confronted the Wednesday goal-

keeper Kevin Pressman. Both fans

have been banned for life and will

club responded positively to the

incident and acted swiftly," Steve

Double, of the FA. said. "We ac-

cept that you can't legislate

ton, has signed a one-year ex-

tensioo to his contract which

takes the 27-year-old midfielder

up to May 1998. Aston Villa have

offered a similar deal to Andy

Townsend. Evertoo have pulled

out of a £2.2m deal to sign the

Sheffield Wednesday striker

One in four young players with

London's professional clubs bas taken drugs. A survey by London

Weekend Television also reveals

that nine out of 10 players have

been offered drugs ranging from cannabis to crack and LSD.

Matt Le Tissier, of Southamp-

against the odd idiot."

David Hirst.

"We are satisfied that the

also be appearing in court.

One spectator was stopped

Sheffield Wednesday.

Photograph: North News Forest take on Lyon

Frank Clark welcomed anoth-er chance yesterday to pit his wits against French opposition when Nottingham Forest were drawn against Lyon in the third round of the Uefa Cup.

The Forest manager, whose side produced two determined displays to beat Auxerre 1-0 on aggregate in the previous round and so progress as England's sole European representatives, was happy to avoid the hig guns of Milan and Barcelona. But he will oot be underestimating Lyon, who beat Lazio, 4-1 on aggregate to reach this

stage of the competition. "French football is on a high at the moment," said Clark, whose side are rated at 25-1 by bookmakers William Hill to win the competitioo. "I doo't think anyone should underestimate our achievement in beating Auxerre, who were a talented outfit.

Lyon will be in the same mould." Bayern Munich, 4-1 aggregate winners over Raith Rovers, face Benfica in the tie of the round. UEA CUP Third-round draw: Bayern Munich v Berlina; PSV Endhouen v Wertier Bremen; Not-turgham Forest v, tyon: Brondby, Ten'u Pomra-Milan v Sperta Prague; Bordesur v Real Beta (Sp); Seville v Barashnin; Starm Prague v Lens (Tr. Ries to de played 21 November and S Decamber).

Heart to a diamond

Scottish football ALAN NIXON

The Airdrie manager, Alex MacDonald, swooped for his former Hearts player, Joho Colquhoun, last night when he agreed a fee with the Tynecastle club which may not amount to very much - since the Diamonds have yet to be fully paid for Alan Lawrence.

When Lawrence moved to Hearts in the summer, Airdrie were given the chance to take one of their men in exchange lat-

er and Colquhoun is the choice. However, Colquhoun has still be be persuaded that the time is right to drop out of the top flight.

Tommy Burns, the Celtic manager, searching for crumbs of comfort after his side's 3-0 home defeat by Paris St Germain in the Cup-Winners Cup on Thursday, said: "I feel we have been playing well in our recent domestic games. Against Hibs, Kilmarnock and Aberdeen in our last three games we've arguably been as far ahead of them as PSG were ahead of us." Celtic visit Motherwell today.

blindspot: the verb 'to pass'

Mira's one

FAN'S EYE VIEW

No 118 Mirandinha NICK DONALDSON

right to feel themselves to be colour in a decidedly monopioneers of a hrave new world, chrome team, his displays proudly wearing their new yel- earning him one of the most low shirts and sombreros. Juninho, the boy who had destroyed England's finest, is set to lead them to the promised laod of the Uefa Cup and everything in the garden is coming up coffee beans. It's salsa time!

However, for those of us Newcastle fans who remember when the team lost as regularly as they now win, Middles- affair with Tyneside. The only prough's golden boy brings back memories of our own tricky Brazilian, Mirandinha, or a series of classic Newcastle pur-'Mira' as he became known to chases: cloggers taking a onethe Gallowgate End.

and Hall the limit of Newcas- vians with ill-advised haircuts. tle's ambition was to glean as He became visibly hunched selling any player who showed a glimmer of talent and spend as little as possible on the comfort of the twenty-odd thousand who continued to stand in the no knowledge of English but we urine and rain.

For Newcastle to buy any international, let alone a Brazilian, was the stuff of dreams. Even though no one I knew had ever beard of him, we were outrageously excited. I clambered into the loft and rummaged fruitlessly for a toy sombrero bought in Ibiza the previous summer, while others contacted the Brazilian embassy to try to get their bands on a giant

flag. Like Junihoo, Mira seemed to be a long time coming, work permits, jet-lag and contract hassles all delaying the great man's arrival while we built ourselves into a cresceodo of ex-

When he did make his debut we were too euphoric to notice the fact that even though he was reported to be 28, he in fact looked older than John Burridge's older brother.

It took him three matches to get on the scoresheet, grabbing both goals in a 2-2 draw at Old Trafford. In the naïve days of 1987 players would indulge only in casual cuddles to celebrate a goal, so the sight of Mirandinha running the length of the pitch kissing his shirt, with Gazza trailing in his wake, was something to hehold. He could be sublime then hair-tuggingly frustrating within the to the Boro, as 40 miles makes space of seconds but - along for a tenuous derby. Good luck with Dunston Boy - he to him.

Middlesbrough fans have every remained the only splash of inane terrace songs ever to grace the stadia of Britain:

> They call him Mirandinha He's not from Argentina He's from Brazil He's f***ing brill.

The return to type of the club in selling Gascoigne spelt the beginning of the end of Mira's player who had the craft that he was used to was replaced with season break from the lower: In the time before Keegan divisions and poor Scandinaseason became a desperate and unsuccessful slog against rele-

Mira pretended that he had guessed this to be untrue, his range of expletives being as good as any shipyard welder. He did have a blindsnot with the verb 'to pass'. 'He pass', 'she' pass', 'you pass' he could grasp, it was the 'I pass' that threw him. It is perhaps understandable that he had no faith in his plodding team-mates. The sight of him dribbling his way around the penalty box as some hapless forward stood unmarked and pleading for a through ball that would never come hecame more common as the season dredged on.

The arrival of Jim Smith as manager hammered the last oails into the coffin, the Bald Eagle oot taking kindly to his increasingly lack-lustre performances, When Mira did finally jump the sunken ship he left with he can rot in Brazil for all 1 care!' ringing in his

Jumnho's time in the northeast will probably be hetter spent than that of his predecessor. Middlesbrough are a much more attractive proposition than were Mirandinha's Newcastle, and Juninho is a better player. His worrying fashion sense should also see him settle happily into the Teesside area. I wish him well - like most Newcastle fans I am ambivalent

Britain asks for new class in Olympics

Sailing

Britain wants a change in the events line-un at the 2000 Sydney Olympics to include a highperformance yacht developed in the UK, writes Stuart Alexander. Proposals will be put to the annual meeting of the govern-

ing body in Hamburg next week. Sailing is restricted to 10 events. With the call for a highperformance event, there are 11 contenders for the 10 slots. The British-developed and built Laser 5000 wants to be the high performance boat, but faces opposition from the Sydney harbour 18-foot skiff, which would be the choice of the Olympic organisers, and the long-established international 14.

Basketball

Hone Rome Open Men's singles than round: Reyento Arb (Inden) by Prasmussen (Den) 15-7 17-14; Fung Permedi (Tab bi Resew Baggs (Ind.) 15-5 18-14; Pet Royen-Larsen (Den) bi G Rimanoo (Indon) 6-15 15-6 15-4; Lee Keang-in (S Kor) bi P Jenti (Pinland) 15-8 15-6; M (Lindgaard Hanson (Den) bi Win Hak-hyun (S Kor) 15-5 15-5; T Joharsson (Swe) bi Hermanen Susano (Indon) 15-9 17-15; Ann Hak-hyun (S Kor) bi I Abdul Saman (Malay) 16-9 15-4; Alian Budi Kusuma (Indon) bi Lin (Crimal 15-7 15-5; Quarter-finalist Arbi Liven (Crimal 15-7 15-5; Quarter-finalist Arbi Liven (Crimal 15-7 15-6; Lee bit Hoyer-Larsen treemed 15-9 15-8; Lee bit Hoyer-Larsen (Themanon's singles third round: Bart Permed 15-11; Hanson to Lohnesson 15-11 15-15-15-15-13; Ausuma bi Ahn 15-11 15-11. Women's singles third round: Beach (Ind) 11-2 11-4; 6-C Martin (Den) bi Tang (Ind) 11-2 11-4; 1-6; Li Xaooing (Swe) 11-3; Ta Hones (Indon) bi C Menghusson 15-01; Mio Audona (Indon) bi C Menghusson 15-01; Mio Audona (Indon) bi C Menghusson 15-01; Mio Audona (Indon) bi C Menghusson 15-01; Hones (Chrisa) 11-4 12-10; Krim Ji-hyun (S Kor) bi Capan) 11-4 14-4 (Lin 1; Ye Zhaooing Fan thus (Chrisa) 11-4 12-11; Ye Zhaooing Fan Lin 14; Audona bi Ra 8-11 11-2 11.

Football

LOAN TRANSPERS: Phil Barber (forward) Bris-rol Chy to Marsfield: Frank Yallop (defender) Ip-ewich to Blackpool; Seott Canham Imatfielder) West Ham to Torquey.

in 14 matches).

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Sunderland's First Division foture at 11 November has been postponed due to international call-ups.

TRANSFERS: Paul Budde (modicider) Torquey to Dieter; Store Jandons (defender) Swanses to Kuddessfeld; James Peterson (bread) Falanton Schenberg

Panathinaikos, the Greek club, have been fined 50,000 marks (£23,000) after fans threw coins on to the court injuring a coach. The incident happened at last week's European champion clubs match after Penathinaikos beat the champions, Real Madrid, 54-52, in front of a fervent crowd at the 18,000-seater Olympic stadium. DUNGEL MASTERS (Inlants) Lending sec-ond-round scores: 131 C Party (Aus) 86 65. 134 M Campbell (NZ) 69 65. 138 G Chairners (Aus) 68 67; C Gray (Aus) 69 66.

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SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP (Kusis Lumpur)

Ice hockey MML: Ottawa 5 Hartford 0; Detroit 6 Boston 5 (ot); Flonda 2 Philadelphia 1; Los Angeles 5 NY Rangers 5; New Jersey 3 San Jose 3

The Italian team Ducati yesterday announced it has signed Nell Hodgson,

of Great Britain, for the 1996 World Su-

Motorcycling

SPORTING DIGEST

Motor racing J J Lehto, winner of the Le Mans 24 Hours in June and a former Formula One grand prix driver, walked away unfurn from a 280 kph (175 mph) crash yesterday. His lactory Toyota GT sportscar suffered brake failure on the Zhuhai treet circuit where the fina pionship is being staged this weekend.

Rugby Union

A groin injury has forced Alan Sharp, the Bristol prop, to withdraw from the Scotland A squad for the game against Western Samoa at Mansfield Park, Haw-ick a week on Sunday. He has been re-placed by Grant Wilson of Boroughmun. pgaces by Grant Wilson or Sorrougiment.
POINTYPRIOD SQUAD (v Fiji, four match,
Sardis-Road, today): C Cormosi; D Mardey,
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Ballymore: Sat 15 June: New South Wales Country, Morse, Tues 18 June: Victoria, Mel-bourne; Sat 22 June: Australia, Sydney,

Snooker

Swimming A 15-year-old schoolgirl tested positive for steroids at the US national champ-ionships last August. The positive drug est is the first for a US swimmer since the 1988 US Olympic trials when Angel Myers Mertino tested positive for roids and was dropped from the team. The girl's name has been withheld pend-ing the National Board of Review's dis-

ROTHMANS GRAND PROX (Morsegeala, Malke) Quarter-Grasts: P Ebdon (Engl bt D Harold (Engl 5-0; J Higgins (Soot bt 7 Drago (Malta) 5-3.

John McEnroe, the four-time US Open champion, yesterday beat Andres Gomez of Ecuador, the No 3 seed, in straight sets 6-0, 6-3, in the opening round of the Champions Tournament II round of the Champions Tournament In Tolyo. In Saturday's semi-finals, McEntoe, the No. 1 seed, will face his former anth-mal, Bjorn Borg, who breazed past the Japanese qualifier, Toru Vonezawa, 6-1, 6-3. Jimmy Connors, the five-time US Open champion, beat Guillermo Vilas of Argentina 6-3, 6-2, and also moved into the semi-finals, where he will face John Lloyd. will face John Lloyd. will locke Justin Licyti.
GUARDIAN DIRECT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Telford) Men's singles quarter-finales G Rusedsia (unatt) bt L Miligan (McA)
6-4 6-2: M Petrney (Essex) bt C Beecher (Nent)

ciplinary decision.

AND ALLE DESCRIPT (PART) 6-1 6-2. Women's singles, semi-finals: C Wood (Sussex) by A Janes (Essex) 6-3 6-3; S Smith (Essex) by (A J Dune (Avon) 6-7 6-1 6-4, Doubles, semi-finals: S-A Sodal (Dosed) and A Wemmarght (Essex) by L Ahl (Devon) and J Ward (Northumberland) 6-2 6-2. PARIS OPEN MEN'S INDOOR TOURNAMENT

6-4 4-6 6-3; J Bates (Surrey) bt a Cowan (Lancst 6-2 7-8; T Henman (Oxont of J Delgato (Warwols) 6-3 6-3. Doubles, semi-finals: M Madelgan (W of Scottand 3-nd A Richardson (Units) bt P Hand (Berks) and G Henderson (Yorks) 6-3 4-6 8-6; J Bates (Surrey) and T Hemman (Oxont) bt T Sparks (Norton) and C Beecher (Nent) 6-1 6-2. Women's cleater semi-firmer C Woord (Sussen) bt 4-6 MENT (Quebec) Second round: B Schultz-McCartry (Neth) bt M Tu (US) 6-2 6-4; R Stubbs (Aus) bt I Reymond (US) 3-6 7-6 7-6; LLee (US) bt N Tauzal 6-2 4-6 7-6, I Malard Decugls (Fr) bt A Miller (US) 6-3 7-6, 5 Tes-BANK OF THE WEST CLASSIC !Oakland Calif) Second round: L Wad (US) bt P Stra-er (US) 6-7 7-5 7-6; A Sugivarna (Japan) bt I Spries (Rom) 6-4 4-6 6-1; L Davenport (US) bt T Whitinger-Jones (US) 7-5 6-1.

CHAMPIONS TOURNAMENT (Ariake Cotos-seum, Tokyo) Singles, first round: J Lloyd, Britain bt J Knek (SA) 6-3-3-6 6-4: J Connors (US) bt G Vilas (Arg) 6-3 6-2; J McEn-roe (US) bt A Gomez (Ecu) 5-0 6-3, B Borg

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THE SICK MEN OF EUROPE

Glenn Moore on the aftermath of a week of failure

English rugby to go professional in May

EXCLUSIVE

Rugby Union STEVE BALE

The professional floodgates in English rugby union will be officially opened as soon as this sea-son ends. When the Rughy Football Union's commission reports next week it will retain the temporary moratorium on club professionalism and the 120-day qualifying period for transferred players, but both will be re-moved completely in May.

The commission will not announce its findings until next Wednesday, but I understand its members reached agreement on their final verdict at a meet-

essence, they bave decided to embrace professionalism whole-beartedly, although those who with plenty of advance notice." have been pressing for rapid changes may be disappointed by the delay until next year.

The near-unanimous view of the RFU's First Division clubs is that professionalism should be instituted immediately. The commission hopes to allay clubs' impatience by introducing a football-style transfer system with fees payable and a formaly appointed transfer tribunal made up of rughy-minded iden-tities unconnected with any rugby club, organisation or indeed the union itself.

The prospect of a mass movement of players as soon as the restrictions are lifted does not concern the RFU, whose view is ing in Slough on Thursday. In that it will bave to happen some

an RFU source said last night.

The commission's findings were discussed by the RFU executive yesterday. This is the union's measured response to the decision of the International Rugby Board in August to abandon amateurism and allow rugby union to go "open", a cuphemism for professional. A special general meeting of all the RFU clubs will take place in London on 18 December to delete amateurism from the union's regulations.

While the commission bas been meeting, English First Di-vision clubs have been left so disaffected that there has been serious talk of a breakaway. They bave formed themselves into a limited company and Hall, of Newcastle United and Newcastle RFC, in how to form their own Premier League.

They will not get everything they want from the commission but the RFU is hoping to do sofficient to subdue their resentment. For instance, there will be no objection to clubs having primacy in negotiating contracts once this interim season - when only members of England squads will be paid - is over, provided the necessary contractual allowances are made for representative commitments.

In addition, the RFU is prepared to commit some of the vast sums it makes out of international rugby to the leading clubs to subsidise the new dispensation. Only Newcastle, through Sir John, have so far

nance, though the north London club, Saracens, have now attracted a backer of their own and will announce their plans for the

professional era on Tuesday. The union is also ready to move on Europe. When the commission reports, it will recommend a restructuring of the domestic season so as to make room for English participation in a European competition which the RFU believes, after talking to the relevant broadcasting companies including ITV, would attract at least double the television revenue of the inaugural European Rugby Cup that started this week.

The RFU's plan involves Friday/Saturday play rather than midweek and envisages the support structure of a cross-bor-

the RFU and its fellow unions that it is by no means certain the other countries would acquiesce when they are already pleased with themselves after this week's successful Euro-launch.

English thinking is that the vastly increased monies available will be all the persuasion that is needed. The RFU - m the persons of Tony Hallett, the secretary, and John Jeavons-Fellows, chairman-elect of the executive committee - has done little but denigrate the present competition, even last week when a television deal with ITV of around £20m over three

years was announced. The union believes it will be able to mollify the First Division clubs who passed a vote of no-

confidence in the commission because of its composition. The seven-man body was appointed in September when the RFU introduced its moratorium on the introduction of professionalism at clnb level until next season. Chaired by Hallett, it consists

of four RFU committee menthe president, Bill Bishop, Jeavons-Fellows, Derek Morgan and Bob Taylor. Don Rutherford, the Bath, complete the commission The First Division chibs ob

jected because, after see verbal assurances from Hallett and Bishop that Bryan William son of Sale would be added. Wilkinson's nomination was blocked by the RECEASCORING. Mawditt agreed to remain on

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The Despite the threat of a restraint-of-trade action, the 120-day registration has remained in place because the commission considered it unfair "to change the rutes of the game at half-time". The RFU's legal advice is that for now there is no trade

is that for now there is no trade to restrain. Cardiff's hig day, page 24

Uefa unites to defend transfers

Football

TREVOR HAYLETT

speaks with one voice but mention the name of Jean-Marc Bosman and it seems everyone falls into line. Yesterday Uefa's 49 member associations banded together to warn of the dangers facing the game should it sacrifice the transfer system and the

rules restricting foreign players. Graham Kelly, the Football Association's chief executive, said the implications of the court victory achieved by Bosman, a previously little-known Belgian player who single-handedly bad instilled fear and concern among the game's power brokers, would be "very serious for football right across Europe".

North of the horder, the predictions were cast in more gloomy tones - a "high percentage" of clubs would go out of business, said the Scottish FA.

Simultaneously vesterday the president of every European footballing association were putting their names to an open letter aimed at persuading the European Commission and individual governments of the perils lying in wait for the game if it follows the Bosman route.

The FA has also written to the prime minister and the Labour leader, Tony Blair, seeking support. Kelly said sport, particularly professional sport, had a specific "peculiar" nature which sbould be recognised so that normal rules did not apply.

The European Court of Justice will give its decision in the New Year but is thought unlikely to go against the interim ruling in September of its Advocate-General, Carl Otto Lenz, wbo declared the transfer market and the limit on three foreigners per team to be illegal.

It followed Bosman's fight for justice, waged over five years, after his Belgian ctub, RFC Liege, cut bis salary by three-quarters at the end of his contract and demanded a transfer

English transfer system is an ideal role model for the European game to follow in the future, Uefa bas now pinpointed the The football industry rarely three "stark' implications aris-

ball would be split into two parts operating two different sys-tems. Indeed, Uefa warns that European union associations will be in a different position from the rest of the world.

cal dispute that could have been avoided so easily". Kelly said the transfer structure was largely successful and should not be condemned because of one anomalous case. It did not need changing, although there have been discussions with the players union, the Professional Footballers' Association, as to how it could be improved.

Dickie, said scrapping the transfer system would sound the death knell for many of Scotland's 40 league clubs. "If there is no income from transfer fees then those who have been feeder clubs may cease to exist," be said. "Many communities would regret the loss of their local club

fice, so preventing him joining a French side. Dunkirk.
Having considered the Advocate-General's ruling and a submission from Kelly that the Scottish players.

ing from the case. That power would be con-

medium-sized clubs, would be discouraged from pursuing youth development policies; and that the glut of foreign players across the top teams of Europe will harm national sides if

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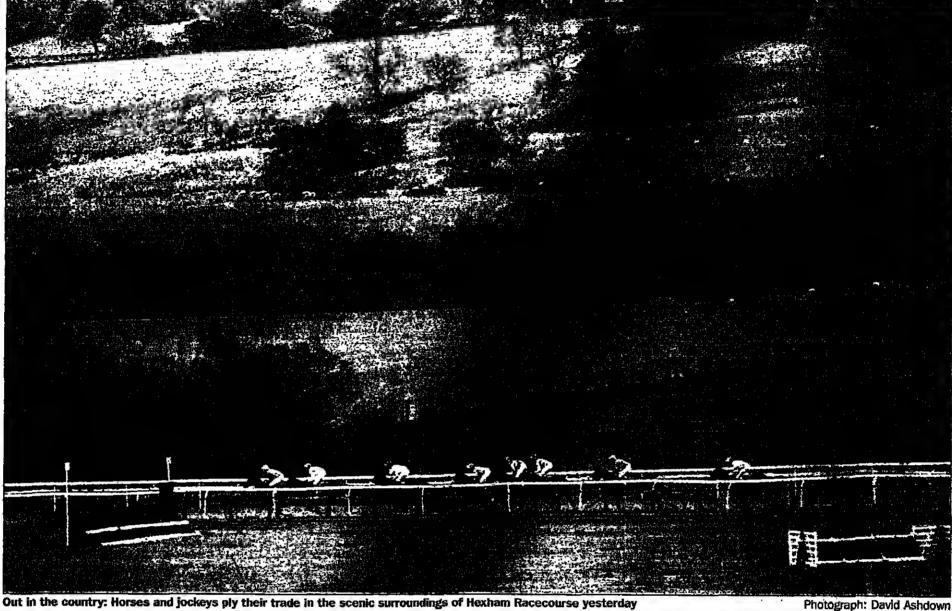
the hub of their environment."

centrated among a small number of rich clubs so reducing legitimate competition; that the traditional breeding grounds for new players, the small to home-grown talent is excluded.

The SFA's president, Bill which in good times and bad is

His organisation is at odds with Rangers who are lobbying Uefa to have the foreigners rule abolished. The SFA's chief executive. Jim Farry, said the club's action was misguided and if successful would make them a "wee fish in a big pool." Newcastle had also wanted to

challenge the restriction. Kelly said they had no support in the



England running out of time

JAMES ALEXANDEP reports from East London

The hectic nature of modern tours, with their preponderance of international cricket, means players sometimes never have the chance to find elusive form. Robin Smith might discover this to his cost in the coming weeks, but at least be bas bad his chances. England's bowlers. though, are desperately short of practice with the First Test just six cricketing days away.

No play was possible on the second day of the match against Border yesterday and now England have managed just two sessions out of the last nine. The players needed a breatber following the end of the domestic

lous. Darren Gough and Dominic Cork have yet to bowl a single delivery in first-class cricket, while Devon Malcolm and Angus Fraser have no wick-

ets in a combined total of 32 Those four could comprise England's attack at Centurion Park and Malcolm, of course, bas plenty of other problems. If the inclement weather continues, the situation could become extremely serious because practice in the nets is no substitute for the real thing.

The wasb-out gave John Crawley time to reflect on his form, which has brought him scores of 85 and 87 not out and applied pressure to Smith's po-sition in the Test team. Crawley's physical state is

transformed since last winter's tour to Australia, his batting is more disciplined and his new look is even topped off by a crew cut. Raymond Illingworth told Crawley be must become fitter and more mobile to make a career in Test cricket. Crawley

took heed. His weight has dropped a stone to 13st 2oz, nearly all lost from his thighs and bottom, and his legs have changed from flabby to firm after hundreds of bours in the gym. Crawley's fielding and running between the wickets are noticeably improved. He bas also hrought a more professional approach to his batting. "I'm trying to remove mistakes and bat for as long as possible. Batsmen sbouldn't get out in the 50s or 60s, they should really capitalise

the England batting coach, tells all the batsmen to aim for a century every time and there's no doubt big scores attract selectors' attention. John is encouraging me to use softer hands and play a little straighter

through mid-on."
TOUR MATCH (East London, scond day of tout): No play (rain), England 218 for 4 ()
P Crawley 27 no. M R Ramprakash 70) v Bor-

The former Pakistan captain, Salim Malik, the batsman at the centre of a bribery scandal, lasted just nine balls on his return to the crease after an eight-month exile from the game. He scored seven runs at the Adelaide Oval as Pakistan laboured to 199 for 5 in repty to South Australia's first innings

392 for 8 declared. England A win again, page 23

Docherty to

go on fighting **Boxing**

Drew Docherty, the British bantamweight champion, is to carry on boxing after the death of his most recent opponent James Murray, 25, who died two days after their title fight in

Glasgow on 13 October. Docherty, 29, said yesterday: "I bave decided to carry on mainly because of the reaction of James Murray's father Kenny and my own parents Archie and Maureen. My mum and dad said if it had been me they would never have held it against James Murray. I couldn't sleep for three nights after the fight. It was tragic what happened and l am not over it yet."

Docberty is to see a bereavement counsellor before his next fight, which is likely to be in February for the European title against Johnny Armour.

Docherty said the fight with Murray had been one of the hardesi of his career and that any future victories would be dedicated to Murray's memory Holyfield's motivation, page 23 OPublished by Newspaper Publishing PLC, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, and printed at Mirror Colour Print, St Albans Road, Watford and Hollanwood

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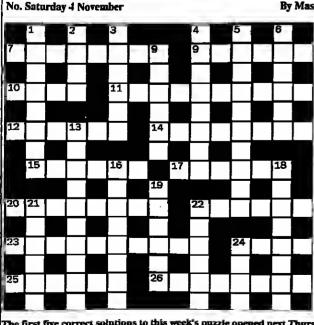
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ACROSS

Gearbox? (8) Bright, and initially called to the bar

ing in another? (10) Bird's cry turned Italian (6)

Keen or weak on holy writ? (6) What a brilliant catch! (8)

Polish an unknown gem (4)

Friday's solution



Word session (4)

Associating with one scam or engag-Boss sent out for apprentices (8) Repeatedly print note on character

Henry's entering after a tizzy (6) Detail in proof results in punishment 19

Dull face sergeant-major's wearing (6) 22 A little cut wood left, gathered by 24

The driving force behind stubborn

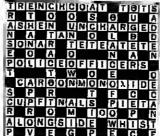
types? (8)
Bit of excitement gives one a turn (4) Pole imbued with officer's charm (6) Disease of curs spread about LA (8) A drop in the housing situation? (10) Raised money for a cheese agent (6) Enters false name (6)

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Binders, features enclosing article (6) Capricorn subject, about astrologer' Nothing rising over retreat? A tree (6) Stop losing bead in Harrow? (4)

Last Saturday's solution

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